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Blue Line riders had to swap subway service at night for bus shuttles for much of the past two weeks.

Commuters singing the MBTA blues over latest time-sapping indignities

Slowdowns, speed limits, and now shuttle buses weigh on weary riders

By Taylor Dolven
GLOBE STAFF

After his shift as a manager at a McDonald's in Newton, Moises Lainez was heading home to East Boston but just missed the last Blue Line train from Government Center before shuttle service started.

Forced to take a much slower bus, he worried that the grocery store where he planned to buy his dinner would be closed by the time he made it to Eastie.

"I'd already be resting by now," he said in Spanish aboard a shuttle bus around 8 p.m. Wednesday. He doubted the shutdown would improve train service. "Let's hope that [the train] will be a little faster. It usually stays the same — slow."

Blue Line riders already weary from service cuts and slowdowns endured the elimination of most weeknight train service over the last two weeks as the MBTA said it was working to repair its tracks. The shutdown, which wrapped up Thursday night, put riders at risk of losing wages, missing meals, and getting home too late for activities like exercise, they said, the latest in a long procession of indignities imposed on users of the beleaguered transit system as it struggles to maintain its infrastructure.

The Blue Line, which connects Revere, East Boston, and downtown Boston, had long been considered the MBTA's most reliable subway line.

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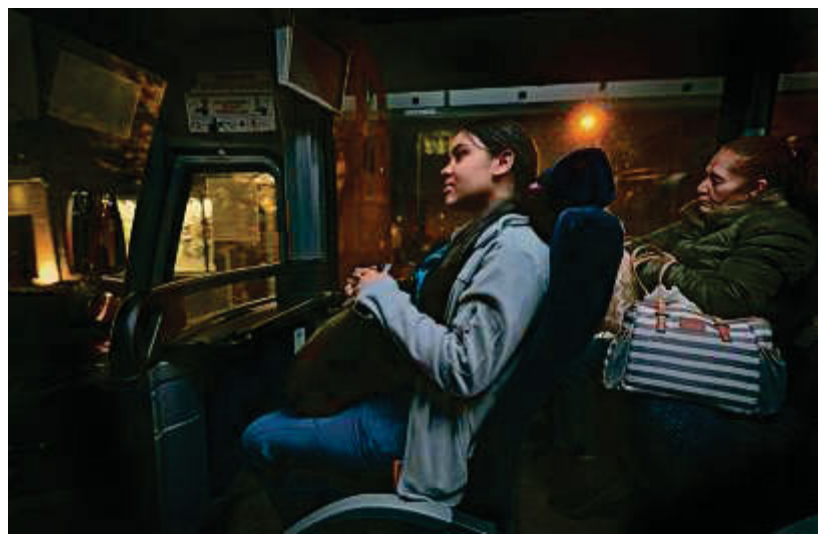

Joselina Leclerc (left) of Chelsea expressed hope that all the track improvements and long waits will be worth it.

Virus warning lifted as CDC leader resigns

Group declares COVID-19 ceases to be global health emergency

By Kay Lazar, Jessica Bartlett, and Felice J. Freyer
GLOBE STAFF

In what may be the clearest signals yet that COVID-19 is receding, the World Health Organization on Friday declared the disease no longer a global health emergency.

And, just hours later, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, a respected Massachusetts infectious disease physician who led the Biden administration's pandemic response, announced she is stepping down as head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on June 30.

"I have never been prouder of anything I have done in my professional career," Walensky, 54, wrote in her resignation letter to President Biden. She reportedly expressed "mixed emotions" about her decision to leave and her future plans have not been made public.

Rochelle Walensky

The news comes just days before federal and state health emergencies in response to the pandemic officially end on May 11. That means the CDC no longer has the authority to collect certain critical data, such as the number of cases and transmission rates, nor will it publish its controversial color-coded map showing

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Biden chooses Tanden to push domestic agenda

Bedford native had also served Clinton, Obama

By Jackie Kucinich and Jess Bidgood
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — Neera Tanden, long a fixture in Democratic political and policy circles, has been tapped as the director of the Domestic Policy Council, replacing Susan Rice, who left the post late last month, the White House announced Friday.

Tanden, a Bedford native who became a lightning rod for criticism in the early days of the Biden administration, currently serves as a senior adviser and staff secretary in the White House. She will be the first Asian American to serve as the head of the council. The White House-based office is responsible for ensuring that the president's domestic agenda is implemented.

▶The president is expected to nominate a top Air Force official to chair the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A2.

"She has 25 years of experience in public policy, has served three presidents, and led one of the largest think tanks in the country for nearly a decade," President Biden said in a statement. "While growing up, Neera

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Investigators seek the cause of the lethal factory blast in Newburyport but at this point do not consider it suspicious. **B1.**

Family members of a 9-year-old who was handcuffed by police at a Walpole school are demanding answers. **B1.**

As families expressed concerns about living near a petrochemical site in Texas, a facility exploded in flames. **A7.**

The day of King Charles III's coronation has come, much to the delight of monarchy fans and to the creeping indifference of many younger Britons. **A4.**

For beloved retailer, a Grinch moment

Christmas Tree Shops files for bankruptcy protection, will close some sites

By Diti Kohli
GLOBE STAFF

For more than a half century, Christmas Tree Shops has catered to customers' insatiable thirst for inexpensive trinkets and decor all year, despite its holiday-oriented name. Anything from wrapping paper to beach chairs is sold at a discount, and customers flocked to a heavily marketed slogan: "Don't you just love a bargain?"

Now the bargains may never be the same.

On Friday, the New England retail staple filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, which means the business will stay open and restructure its finances under court supervision by August. But owner Handil Holdings announced in a statement that the move will likely to lead to the closure of up to 10 of its 82 stores, which include 15 in Massachusetts and four in New Hampshire. (The chain's intent to file bankruptcy was first reported by The Wall Street Journal.)

"This is strictly a financial restructuring," chairman Marc Salkovit said in a statement, which also announced $45 million in

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Christmas Tree Shops, such as this one in Pembroke, has been a part of the regional retail firmament for decades.

Thank you to nurses everywhere.

Mass General Brigham

VISIT…

The Nation

FDA weighing over-the-counter pill

Would be a first for birth control

By Matthew Perrone
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — US health regulators are weighing the first-ever request to make a birth control pill available without a prescription.

Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration meet next week to review drugmaker Perrigo's application to sell a decades-old pill over the counter. The two-day public meeting is one of the last steps before an FDA decision.

If the FDA grants the company's request, Opill would become the first contraceptive pill to be moved out from behind the pharmacy counter onto store shelves or online.

But in an initial review posted Friday, the FDA raised numerous concerns about studies of Opill, citing problems with the reliability of some of the company's data and questions about whether women with certain other medical conditions would correctly opt out of taking it. It also noted signs that study participants had trouble understanding the labeling instructions.

The agency will ask the panel to consider whether younger teenagers will be able to understand and follow the instructions.

At the end of the meeting, the FDA panel will vote on whether the benefits of making the pill more widely available outweigh the potential risks. The panel vote is not binding and the FDA is expected to make its final decision this summer.

Perrigo executives say Opill could be an important new option for the estimated 15 million US women — or one-fifth of those who are child-bearing age — who use no birth control or less effective methods, such as condoms.

"We have no doubt that our data clearly shows that women of all ages can safely use Opill in the over-the-counter setting," Frederique Welgryn, the company's global vice president for women's health, said this week.

The company's application has no relation to the ongoing lawsuits over the abortion pill mifepristone, which is not a contraceptive. Research for over-the-counter sales of the pill began nearly a decade ago.

Hormone-based pills, like Opill, have long been the most common form of birth control, used by tens of millions of women since the 1960s.

Opill was first approved in the United States 50 years ago. Perrigo acquired rights to the drug last year with its buyout of Paris-based HRA Pharma, which bought the pill from Pfizer in 2014. It's not currently marketed in the United States but is sold without a prescription in the United Kingdom.

> The FDA's decision won't apply to other birth control pills, only Opill, which was first approved 50 years ago.

FDA's decision won't apply to other birth control pills, only Opill, although advocates hope that an approval decision might push other pill makers to seek over-the-counter sales. Birth control pills are available without a prescription across much of South America, Asia, and Africa.

Many common medications have made the over-the-counter switch, including drugs for pain relief, heartburn, and allergies. Generally, drug makers must show that consumers can accurately understand and follow the labeling instructions to safely and effectively use the drug. Non-prescription medicines are usually cheaper, but generally not covered by insurance. Forcing insurers to cover over-the-counter birth control would require a regulatory change by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Perrigo's main study tracked nearly 900 US women taking its pill without professional supervision for up to six months. The group included women of different ages, races, educational, and cultural backgrounds.

Women were paid to track and record their use of the pill, including whether they followed instructions to take it during the same 3-hour window each day. That consistency is key to the drug's ability to block pregnancy.

But after Perrigo wrapped up its study, the FDA identified a problem: nearly 30 percent of women erroneously reported taking more pills than they were actually supplied.

The FDA said Friday these cases of "improbable dosing" call into question the company's results.

Perrigo will present a reanalysis of the data that excludes the participants who overreported. The company says the results showed the study still achieved its goal of demonstrating that most women used the pill correctly.

Women reported taking the pill on a daily basis 92 percent of the time during the study, the company says.

The company says its data show there would be about two pregnancies for every 100 women who take its pill for a year. But the FDA called this figure "an imprecise estimate" because the study was significantly smaller than those typically used to evaluate contraceptive effectiveness.

JASON CONNOLLY/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

BEARING WITNESS — Evelynn Ware of the Oglala nation, a student at the American Indian Academy of Denver, participated in a student-led rally in support of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day Friday. In 2021 President Biden signed an executive order to address the epidemic of murdered and missing Indigenous persons.

Air Force general expected to be Joint Chiefs chair

His airpower experience seen as a plus for job

By Tara Copp and Lolita C. Baldor
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Biden is expected to nominate a history-making Air Force fighter pilot with years of experience in shaping defenses to meet China's rise to serve as the nation's next top military officer, according to two US officials familiar with the decision.

If confirmed by the Senate, Air Force General Charles Q. Brown Jr. would replace the current chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army General Mark Milley, whose term ends in October.

Brown has long been considered a front-runner for the position and Biden is likely to announce his nomination shortly, according to the officials, who spoke Friday on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss sensitive matters.

While Brown would not be the first Black chairman — the late Army General Colin Powell was the first — it would be the first time that both the Pentagon's top military and civilian positions were held by Black Americans. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, the first Black Pentagon chief, has been in the job since the beginning of the Biden administration.

ANDREW HARNIK/AP FILE

Air Force General Charles Q. Brown Jr. is expected to be nominated for chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Brown, 61, is a career F-16 pilot with more than 3,000 flight hours and command experience at all levels. For the last year he's been widely viewed as the front-runner to replace Milley, as the Pentagon shifts from preparing for the major land wars of the past to deterring a potential future conflict with Beijing.

That effort could depend heavily upon the military's ability to rapidly meet China's rise in cyberwar, space, nuclear weapons, and hypersonics, all areas Brown has sharply focused on for the last several years as the Air Force's top military leader, in order to modernize US airpower for a 21st century fight.

Brown has broken barriers throughout his career. He served as the military's first Black Pacific Air Forces commander, where he led the nation's air strategy to counter China in the Indo-Pacific as Beijing rapidly militarized islands in the South China Sea and tested its bomber reach with flights near Guam.

Three years ago he became the first Black Air Force chief of staff, the service's top military officer, which also made him the first Black American to lead any of the military branches.

The Joint Chiefs chairman is the highest-ranking officer in the country and serves as the senior military adviser to the president, the defense secretary, and the National Security Council. The chairman commands no troops and is not formally in the chain of command. But the chairman plays a critical role in all major military issues, from policy decisions to advice on major combat operations, and leads meetings with all the joints chiefs who head the various armed services.

Arnold Punaro, a retired major general and former staff director for the Senate Armed Services Committee who has worked with many nominees through the confirmation process, said Brown has the credibility and experience to push the services onto a modern warfare footing.

"We have not yet made the needed adjustments to deal with the threat posed by China," Punaro said in a statement, calling Brown the "perfect nominee" for this point in history.

As Air Force chief, Brown has pushed to modernize the nation's nuclear capabilities, including the upcoming next-generation stealth bomber, and led the effort to shed aging warplanes so there's funding to move forward with a new fleet of unmanned systems. He's also supported the development of the US Space Force, which received many of its first Guardians and capabilities from the Air Force.

Representative Mikie Sherrill, Democrat of New Jersey, said she hasn't been formally told of the announcement, but said Brown is a good choice.

"I do think it's really important that the next person in charge have that [Indo-Pacific] experience," Sherrill said. "I just think that's so critical."

The son of a retired Army colonel, he split his childhood between California, Virginia, Oklahoma, Germany, and Texas, and attended Texas Tech University on a Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship.

Material from The Washington Post was included in this report.

DAILY BRIEFING

Jan. 6 participant gets 14 years

WASHINGTON — A Kentucky man with a long criminal record was sentenced Friday to a record-setting 14 years in prison for attacking police officers with pepper spray as he stormed the US Capitol with his wife.

Peter Schwartz's prison sentence is the longest so far among hundreds of Capitol riot cases. The judge who sentenced Schwartz also handed down the previous longest sentence — 10 years — to a retired New York Police Department officer who assaulted a police officer outside the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Prosecutors had recommended a prison sentence of 24 years and 6 months for Schwartz, a welder.

US District Judge Amit Mehta sentenced Schwartz to serve 170 months in prison.

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3 who shot at wrong car are sentenced

PHILADELPHIA — Three fired police officers who pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges in the death of an 8-year-old girl killed when they opened fire outside a high school football game near Philadelphia have been sentenced to five years of probation — the first 11 months of it on house arrest.

An investigation found the officers negligently fired 25 shots at a car they mistakenly thought was involved in gunfire that broke out a block away as spectators left the August 2021 football game. In all, four people were hit by police gunfire.

Deputy District Attorney Doug Rhoads said the officers displayed a "horrible amount of recklessness," even if the outcome was unintentional.

Former Sharon Hill officers Brian Devaney, Devon Smith, and Sean Dolan had pleaded guilty to 10 counts of reckless endangerment in a November plea agreement that dismissed manslaughter charges filed against them. Authorities said they could not determine which officer fired the shot that killed Fanta Bility.

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US aims to control land sales near bases

WASHINGTON — Foreign citizens and companies would need US government approval to buy property within 100 miles of eight military bases, under a proposed rule change that follows a Chinese firm's attempt to build a plant near an Air Force base in North Dakota.

The Treasury Department's Office of Investment Security is set to propose the rule, which would give expanded powers to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. That group screens business deals between US firms and foreign investors and can block sales or force the parties to change the terms of an agreement to protect national security.

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Call it trasharoni: pasta dump probed

OLD BRIDGE, N.J.— Authorities in a central New Jersey town say they are no longer noodling over the mystery of how hundreds of pounds of pasta was dumped near a stream.

Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry said Friday that the pasta, including spaghetti and macaroni, was cleaned up last week by public works crews, shortly after officials learned about the oodles of noodles that quickly drew national attention when photos of the pasta were posted on social media.

The pasta was apparently raw when it was dumped, but subsequent heavy rains softened it and made the mounds look like they had been cooked, officials have said. It's unclear who dumped the pasta there or why.

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A DAY FIT FOR A KING

As Charles III is crowned, some pondering monarchy

By Sarah Lyall
NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON — In a scene in the 1975 movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," King Arthur roams around the English countryside attempting to gather knights for the Round Table. When he declares, "I am your king!" to a deeply unimpressed peasant, her response is both absurd and blindingly obvious.

"Well, I didn't vote for you," she says.

Quite.

As long as there has been a monarch in this country — for more than a 1,000 years — there have been questions about the legitimacy of the monarchy. As the nation prepares for King Charles III's coronation Saturday, in an elaborate ceremony billed as an effort to bring modern flourishes to an ancient ritual, it is worth asking the question:

Why, when nobody voted for the monarchy and half the population under the age of 50 doesn't think it should exist, does Britain still have one?

"One of the reasons that the monarchy persists is that we don't often have serious conversations about why we have a monarchy," said Alastair Bellany, a historian at Rutgers University specializing in 16th- and 17th-century Britain. "I think we should. I think a serious country has to look in the mirror. It's a lazy assumption that the monarchy is our message to Britain and the world that this is who we are."

Of course, for many people, it would be difficult to disentangle the monarchy from Britain's general sense of itself, as hard as that might be to articulate.

"It's just part of our lives, our tradition and our culture," said Penny Convers, a 64-year-old teacher who was interviewed as she enjoyed a few moments of rare London sunshine this week. "Most of us just see them when they come on the TV," she said of the royal family, "but they are part of our British way of living."

Not for Jude O'Farrell, a 24-year-old pub manager from Southampton, England, who was visiting London for a job interview. He grew up in a house where his father often played "God Save the Queen" — the Sex Pistols' version. (Sample line: "She ain't no human being.")

"The monarchy doesn't really fit into my life at all," he said. "It just exists. It doesn't really do anything."

Still, you can't walk around Britain for more than five minutes without running into or experiencing something that shouts "monarchy": stamps, coins, bank notes, street names, pub names, consumer products bearing official royal insignia, the national anthem.

The Royal Albert Dock in Liverpool; the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama; the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall; "The Crown"; the royal holidays. The list goes on.

Sure, there are implacable antimonarchy campaigners like the Republic group, whose members regularly demonstrate at royal events. Recently, too, there have been increasing complaints from former British colonies, which are demanding that the royal family finally face up to its colonial past by formally apologizing and making reparations.

But while the critics regularly surface with plausible grievances — the monarchy was built from the spoils of enslaved peoples; it is too expensive; it is racist, sexist, classist, and out of touch; it automatically bestows power on people who can be shockingly unimpressive — those arguments have not gained serious political traction.

Neither of the two main political parties, known as "His Majesty's government" and "His Majesty's Loyal Opposition," supports ending the system.

"The real question is not why they're a monarchy, since, obviously, the royal family isn't letting this go — they're the wealthiest and most powerful monarchy that still survives," said Brooke Newman, an associate professor of history, specializing in early modern Britain, at Virginia Commonwealth University. "The question is, why does the public continue to support them?"

> 'It boils down to emotional reasons, that people feel this intense pride in having a historic family with an unbroken chain through history.'
> BROOKE NEWMAN, *Virginia Commonwealth University*

"It boils down to emotional reasons," she continued, "that people feel this intense pride in having a historic family with an unbroken chain through history."

One way the family has retained its power and aura, Newman said, is by obscuring the extent of its past connections to colonialism and slavery. "There are a significant population of people in the UK who are opposed to talking about this," she said.

Craig Prescott, an expert in UK constitutional law and politics at Bangor University in Wales, said one of the monarchy's main functions is to transcend politics.

Even at a time of national turbulence, in which four Conservative prime ministers in seven years have presided over a fractious country rived by issues like Brexit, immigration, and funding for the National Health Service, the monarchy can float above the fray, providing a kind of scaffolding that holds the system together.

"It creates a space for politics which is separate from the state, beyond the touch of day-to-day politicians," Prescott said. "That means that no matter how feral and nasty politics can get, it's not about the state; it's about the government."

"Politicians are here today, gone tomorrow, but" he added, "the monarchy persists."

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Royal enthusiasts camped on The Mall as preparations continued in London on Friday for the coronation.

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King Charles III greeted well-wishers a day before his coronation is to take place at Westminster Abbey.

Crowd surprised outside Buckingham Palace

By Brian Melley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — King Charles III surprised cheering fans who started gathering outside Buckingham Palace on Friday, a day ahead of his coronation, as final touches were made in preparation for an occasion that London hasn't celebrated in 70 years.

People in the crowd screamed his name as Charles stepped from a chauffeur-driven Bentley wearing a blue suit. One person could be heard yelling "God save the king" as the British monarch approached the throng lined up behind a barricade.

Charles thanked the well-wishers for coming, shaking hands as he slowly moved along the line.

Theresa Iredale, wearing a plastic crown, said she trembled when the king approached her after she screamed his name.

"I saw his hand coming out to mine and I was like, 'I can't believe I'm shaking the king's hand,' " she said.

Prince William, heir to the throne, and his wife, Kate, also greeted the public during the walkabout, talking to fans on the opposite side of The Mall, posing for selfies and chatting.

British crown jewels have fraught history

Koh-i-Noor will stay out of sight

By Gillian Brockell
WASHINGTON POST

For decades, Britain has been giving back its spoils of empire: the Stone of Scone to Scotland in 1996, Hong Kong to China in 1997, and, most recently, some of the Benin bronzes, with perhaps more to follow.

AP/FILE 2002

The Koh-i-noor diamond set in the Maltese Cross on the crown.

But, so far, that spirit of returning what was taken has not extended to the British crown jewels — specifically to the Koh-i-Noor diamond, which will be kept out of sight during King Charles III's coronation Saturday, and the Cullinan diamonds, which will feature heavily.

Where the Koh-i-Noor diamond was first pulled from the earth is unknown, although it probably came from southern India, according to William Dalrymple and Anita Anand in their book "Koh-i-Noor: The Story of the World's Most Infamous Diamond." For centuries, the 186-carat rock traveled through Central and South Asia from one empire to another: the Mughals, the Persians, the Afghans. Koh-i-Noor is Persian for "mountain of light."

By the 1810s, it had passed to Maharajah Ranjit Singh, the leader of the Sikh Empire in Punjab, a region now split between India and Pakistan. When Singh died in 1839, a years-long power struggle ensued before the throne, and the diamond, came to Singh's 5-year-old son Duleep Singh. His mother served as regent.

By this time, the British East India Company controlled the territory adjacent to the Sikh Empire and — well aware of the diamond and its value — invaded. The empire fell, and in 1846, Duleep Singh, now 7, surrendered the Koh-i-Noor to the Queen Victoria when he signed the Treaty of Lahore. Within months, his mother was imprisoned, and the boy was raised by British military "protectors."

In London, the matte finish on the diamond did not impress, so it was recut to its current size, about 105 carats.

India has demanded the return of the diamond since Indian independence in 1947, as have Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan. The British government maintains the treaty was legal, even if it was signed by a child under duress. Duleep Singh did not see his mother for 13 years after she was taken away; he lived a largely sad life in England and died in 1893.

Queen Victoria wore the Koh-i-Noor as a brooch, and Queens Alexandra, Mary, and Elizabeth (the Queen Mother) wore it mounted into their crowns, according to the Royal Collection Trust. It was last seen in public at the Queen Mother's funeral in 2002.

Amid speculation, Buckingham Palace confirmed this year that Queen Camilla would not wear the Koh-i-Noor during the coronation. Instead, she will wear Queen Mary's crown set with stones cut from the Cullinan Diamond, the largest gem-quality colorless diamond ever found. Other gems cut from the Cullinan Diamond are mounted on the "sovereign's scepter" and on Charles's Imperial State Crown, which will both makes appearances during the coronation.

How to watch today

When: First King Charles and his wife, Camilla, have to get to the ceremony. That begins with a procession to Westminster Abbey, which will get started at about 5 a.m. EDT. Broadcast networks ABC, CBS, and NBC as well as cable channels CNN and Fox News all plan live coverage starting at 5 a.m. The outlets will also feature coverage on their digital platforms and streaming like Hulu+ Live TV.

What: The day will be filled with pageantry — the handing over of a rod, scepter, and orb, all medieval symbols of power — and loads of other traditions. Despite that, Charles has slimmed down the event, shortening the procession route and the Westminster Abbey ceremony. More than 100 heads of state will be in the audience, but President Biden will keep with US tradition and not attend. Instead, first lady Jill Biden will be there. The celebration continues on Sunday with the Coronation Concert, but US audiences won't be able to watch headliners Lionel Richie and Katy Perry. That will be shown on BBC's iPlayer, which isn't available outside the UK.

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DAILY BRIEFING

Palestinians want hunger striker's body

Israel's refusal to hand over the body of a prominent prisoner who died on a hunger strike this week has drawn renewed attention to its practice of keeping the remains of scores of Palestinians in freezers and numbered graves, partly as leverage to obtain the bodies of Israelis held by Palestinian groups.

Khader Adnan, a leader of the Palestinian armed group Islamic Jihad who was arrested by Israel on suspicion of supporting terrorism, was the first Palestinian to die during a hunger strike in an Israeli prison in more than 30 years. Since his death Tuesday, Israel has not returned his body to his family and the government won't say whether it intends to do so.

"It's collective punishment," said Hassan Jabareen, director of Adalah, a Palestinian human rights organization and legal center. "These are bodies of people who live under Israeli occupation," he added. International human rights groups have echoed this criticism.

NEW YORK TIMES

Serbian leader calls for gun control

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic pledged to disarm the country, proposing gun-control measures on Friday after two shootings, one of them at a school, killed at least 16 people.

The rampages this week shook the nation, where such shootings were relatively rare.

The Serbian president addressed the country Friday after police said they arrested a person suspected of firing from a car and killing eight people in a village in Mladenovac, south of the capital, Belgrade.

The drive-by shooting happened Thursday just as the Serbian government was moving to tighten gun laws, prompted by a school shooting in Belgrade, where police said eight children and a security guard were killed when a seventh-grader opened fire Wednesday.

The proposed gun-control measures include instituting a two-year moratorium on the issuance of gun permits and tougher penalties for the possession of illegal weapons.

WASHINGTON POST

Germany backs UN seats for Africa

NAIROBI — German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, on a visit to Kenya, has offered support to African countries seeking a permanent seat on the UN Security Council.

Scholz told his host, President William Ruto, that he believes in African-led solutions to African issues such as the ongoing conflict in Sudan.

"Germany therefore supports the efforts for permanent African seats on the UN Security Council and we also support a formal seat for the African Union within the G-20," he said on Friday after bilateral talks with Ruto.

Currently, three African states, Gabon, Ghana, and Mozambique, are nonpermanent members of the council.

Calls in the past for African states to get at least one permanent seat in the council have been supported by various leaders including the secretary general.

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Big losses for PM's party in UK voting

'Disappointing' for Conservatives

By Jill Lawless
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Britain's Conservative Party endured big losses Friday in results from local elections being viewed as a test of support for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's government as a national election approaches.

The left-of-center main opposition Labour Party made gains that raised its hopes of winning a national election that is due by the end of 2024. Labour leader Keir Starmer said "we are on course for a Labour majority at the next general election."

The Conservatives acknowledged it had been "disappointing" election for the party.

With about half of results from Thursday's voting in, the Conservatives had lost more than 400 seats in elections for more than 8,000 seats on 230 local councils across England. The right-of-center party lost control of several councils, including Medway in southeast England, which it had run for a quarter-century, and the naval city of Plymouth in the southwest.

Labour gained more than 200 seats and won control of several new councils, while the centrist Liberal Democrats also made gains and grabbed control from the Conservatives in Windsor, an affluent town west of London that is the location of royal residence Windsor Castle.

The BBC projected that if the results were replicated nationally, Labour would have a nine-point lead, likely enough to win a majority in Parliament.

While many contests turned on local issues such as potholes and garbage collection, voters appeared to punish the Conservatives for the turmoil that engulfed the party under former Prime Minister Boris Johnson. He resigned amid multiple scandals and was replaced by Liz Truss, whose rash tax-cutting plans spooked financial markets, hammered the value of the pound and roiled the wider UK economy.

Truss was forced to resign after six weeks in office, becoming Britain's shortest-serving prime minister. The party chose Sunak, a former banker, to try to restore stability to the economy and the government.

Worryingly for Sunak's party, the Conservatives lost ground both in working-class northern areas that they previously won from Labour — largely by championing Britain's exit from the European Union — and in more affluent southern districts where anti-Brexit voters have turned to the Lib Dems or Labour.

Sunak said Friday that "it's always disappointing to lose hard-working Conservative councilors." But he said he was "not detecting any massive groundswell of movement towards the Labour Party or excitement for its agenda."

The Conservatives have been in power nationally since 2010, years that saw austerity following the world global banking crisis, Britain's divisive decision to leave the European Union, a global pandemic, and a European war that has triggered the worst cost-of-living crisis in decades.

Labour said the results showed many voters are eager for change. But University of Strathclyde polling expert John Curtice said that Labour so far didn't have the scale of lead achieved before its landslide 1997 election victory under Tony Blair, the peak of the party's popularity.

"Labour are going to have their biggest lead over the Conservatives in terms of votes than at any point since 2010, but it's going to be as much to do with the Conservatives being down as much as it is Labour being up," he said.

The results aren't a complete snapshot of the United Kingdom. There were no elections in London, Scotland, or Wales, while Northern Ireland will vote on May 18.

The election was the first to be held since the government changed the law to require voters to show photo identification at all UK polling stations.

Russia's Wagner boss threatens Bakhmut pullout

Accuses Moscow of starving forces of ammunition

By David Rising
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV — The owner of Russia's Wagner military contractor threatened Friday to withdraw his troops next week from the protracted battle for the eastern Ukrainian city of Bakhmut, accusing Moscow's military command of starving his forces of ammunition.

Yevgeny Prigozhin, a wealthy entrepreneur with longtime links to Russian President Vladimir Putin, claimed that Wagner fighters had planned to capture Bakhmut by May 9, Russia's Victory Day holiday celebrating the defeat of Nazi Germany. But they were undersupplied and suffering heavy losses, he said, and would hand over operations to the regular army on May 10.

It is not the first time Prigozhin has raged about ammunition shortages and blamed Russia's military, with which he has long been in conflict. Known for bluster, he has previously made unverifiable claims and threats he hasn't carried out.

Prigozhin's spokespeople also published a video of him Friday shouting, swearing, and pointing at about 30 uniformed bodies lying on the ground. He says they are Wagner fighters who died on Thursday alone and demands ammunition from Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and General Staff Chief Valery Gerasimov.

"These are someone's fathers and someone's sons," Prigozhin says. "The scum that doesn't give us ammunition will eat their guts in hell."

Yohann Michel, a research analyst with the International Institute for Strategic Studies think tank, said Prigozhin's comments should usually be taken with a grain of salt, but "this time I would take a shovel of salt, at least, or maybe a truck."

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A Ukrainian partner of US serviceman Christopher James Campbell attended his funeral ceremony in Kyiv. Campbell, a volunteer for the International Legion for the Defence of Ukraine, died in Bakhmut.

But why Prigozhin is threatening to pull his forces out is an open question, Michel said. He might want to regroup without being accused of retreating; he may worry about being fired for not taking the city and prefer to say he left on his own; or he could genuinely need more ammunition.

"The only thing I am taking seriously from that declaration is that Bakhmut is probably not ready to fall," said Michel, who is based in Berlin.

Wagner has spearheaded the struggle for Bakhmut, the war's longest — and likely bloodiest — battle. US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Monday the US estimates that nearly half of the 20,000 Russian troops killed in Ukraine since December were Wagner fighters in Bakhmut.

A pullout by Wagner would be a huge blow to the Russian campaign.

For the Ukrainian side, Bakhmut has become an important symbol of resistance to Russia's invasion. President Volodymyr Zelensky says its loss could build international support for a deal that could require Ukraine to make unacceptable compromises.

Like Michel, Ukrainian officials were skeptical about Prigozhin's claims of ammunition shortages. Military intelligence representative Andrii Cherniak said Prigozhin was trying to "justify their unsuccessful actions" in Bakhmut.

Shoigu didn't immediately respond to Prigozhin, but his ministry reported Friday that he ordered a top official to ensure a "continuous supply" of all necessary weapons and military equipment to Russian troops. And in a counterpoint to Prigozhin's visibility, an official video showed Shoigu inspecting tanks and other military equipment destined for Russian troops in Ukraine.

At the end of last year, the US estimated Wagner had about 50,000 personnel fighting in Ukraine, including 10,000 contractors and 40,000 convicts the company has enlisted. That makes it a small part of Russian fighting forces.

If Prigozhin did pull Wagner's troops out of Bakhmut, it would have serious implications, Michel said.

"If he's removed from the front line — except if Russia surprisingly has reserves that they did not want to use before — I think we can say it is the end of this phase of the offensive for Russia," he said.

Prigozhin's acrimonious relations with the military brass date back to Wagner's creation in 2014. During the war in Ukraine, he has publicly accused some top Russian military officials of incompetence — behavior that is highly unusual in Russia's tightly controlled political system.

Prigozhin alleged Friday that Russia's regular army was supposed to protect the flanks as Wagner troops pushed forward but is "barely holding on to them," deploying "tens and rarely hundreds" of troops.

Bakhmut, about 34 miles north of the Russian-held regional capital of Donetsk, has tactical military value for Moscow, though analysts say it won't be decisive in the war's outcome.

2 students with a taxi save dozens trapped in Sudan

Over 6 days, they helped at least 60 people escape

By Declan Walsh
NEW YORK TIMES

In the first days of Sudan's war, the two university students felt helpless.

They locked themselves in their apartment in the capital, Khartoum, glued to Twitter as the battle unfolded. They winced as the walls shuddered from blasts and gunfire, taking shelter in the corridor. They wondered where Sudan was going.

On the fifth day, April 19, the phone rang: Someone needed a taxi.

A senior United Nations official, a woman in her 40s, was trapped inside her home in an upscale neighborhood, the caller explained. Her situation was desperate. Pickup trucks mounted with machine guns were outside her building, firing at warplanes overhead. Black smoke was streaming into her apartment after an airstrike nearby. She had run out of water. Her cellphone battery was down to 5 percent. Could they rescue her?

The students, Hassan Tibwa and Sami al-Gada, in their final year of mechanical engineering, had a side gig driving a taxi. But this call wasn't a paying job; it was a mercy run. "She was screaming," Tibwa recalled. "We had only a few minutes before her phone died."

They jumped into al-Gada's car, a dinged, seven-year-old Toyota sedan, and set off into the city, horrified at its transformation. Bullet holes pocked buildings. Charred vehicles littered the streets. Fighters were everywhere.

Crunching over bullet casings, they navigated a gantlet of checkpoints manned by jittery fighters from the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, some wearing bandages or limping. The fighters scanned the students' phones and peppered them with questions. It took an hour to travel 4 miles. "We went through hell," Tibwa said.

HASSAN TIBWA VIA NEW YORK TIMES

Sami al-Gada (left) and Hassan Tibwa were classmates at a university in Khartoum, who had a side gig driving a taxi.

They found the UN official, named Patience, alone at her apartment in an apparently deserted building. She had been hiding in her bathroom for days, slowly depleting three cellphones, she said, showing them a scatter of bullet holes in her living room wall.

The students consoled her, wrapped her in an all-covering abaya robe and devised a cover story: Their passenger was pregnant and needed to get to a hospital. They paused to say a prayer. "We knew that the moment we stepped out, there was no going back," Tibwa said.

Forty-five minutes and 10 checkpoints later, their Toyota pulled up outside the Al Salam, one of Khartoum's most expensive hotels, now a five-star refugee camp. Patience wept with relief. After collecting herself and checking in, she sat the students down to ask an urgent question.

Could they go back and rescue her friends too?

Over the next week, Tibwa, 25, and al-Gada, 23, rescued dozens of desperate people from one of Khartoum's fiercest battle zones, according to interviews with the students, those they extracted, and hundreds of text messages. Along the way, they were robbed, handcuffed, and threatened with execution. Fighters accused them of being spies. Diplomats implored them to retrieve their passports and pets. Shellfire and stray bullets fell around their car.

"The bravery of these guys is just amazing," said Fares Hadi, an Algerian factory manager who survived a hair-raising ride with them through Khartoum.

Every rescuee interviewed said the students had not asked for payment.

Over six days, as the war surged between two feuding military factions — the army and the Rapid Support Forces group — the students helped at least 60 people: South African teachers, Rwandan diplomats, Russian aid workers, and UN workers from many countries, including Kenya, Zimbabwe, Sweden, and the United States.

> 'We tried to imagine ourselves in that same situation. So we went out.'
>
> HASSAN TIBWA, *a student who helped rescue people stranded in the war zone*

"The only word for them is heroes," a UN official said.

Even as Tibwa drove strangers to safety, his own family didn't know he was in Sudan.

He arrived in 2017 from Tanzania, where his family runs a modest hardware store at a small town on Lake Victoria. An Islamic charity provided a scholarship to study engineering at the International University of Africa in Khartoum.

But he told his parents that he was going to study in Algeria, in deference to their concerns about Sudan's history of violent unrest — a lie he easily maintained for six years, because he never had money to go home.

Al-Gada is Sudanese but was raised in Saudi Arabia, where his father was a car mechanic.

Classmates in university, the two young men became friends. They shared a bright, open disposition and a gritty entrepreneurial streak, working odd jobs at night to make rent. Tibwa drove a taxi that catered mostly to African UN officials.

Sudan's turbulent politics disrupted their ambition. Classes were canceled for much of 2019 when roaring protesters, including al-Gada, helped topple President Omar al-Bashir, Sudan's dictator of 30 years.

Then, in October 2021, Sudan's two most powerful military leaders — General Abdel-Fattah Burhan of the army and Lieutenant General Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo of the RSF — joined forces to boot out the civilian prime minister and seize power for themselves in a coup. Protests flared. The economy tanked.

The two students thought little, at first, of the shots that rang out across Khartoum early on April 15: Anti-military demonstrators had been clashing with riot police for more than a year.

But when al-Gada went to campus to submit a paper, the guards sent him home. This time, it was not a protest, they said. It was war.

Tibwa and al-Gada were not the only rescuers. Local Resistance Committees, formed years earlier to push Sudan toward democracy, pivoted to helping Sudanese and foreigners flee.

But for some stricken residents, the two students were the only option. "They called us," Tibwa said. "They didn't have food. They had no power. Their phones were going down. We tried to imagine ourselves in that same situation. So we went out."

The students' final mission was their longest: a trip across the Nile to the city of Omdurman, at the request of Rwandan diplomats, to rescue a woman who was eight months pregnant and had been stranded with her young son for 10 days.

By then, an exodus of foreigners from Khartoum was underway. A dramatic helicopter evacuation the previous night of the US Embassy, led by the Navy's SEAL Team 6 commandos, set off a cascade of evacuations.

As the foreigners left, most of Khartoum's 5 million residents remained. The students stayed behind too, at first.

But a day later, they were gone. A friendly RSF commander had warned them that "something big was coming" in the city center, Tibwa said.

For a few days, they considered their options. Fighter jets scudded over the horizon, and a stray bomb landed nearby, killing members of a family in their home, they said. On Wednesday, al-Gada dropped Tibwa on a street where he hoped to catch a bus to Ethiopia and, from there, back to Tanzania.

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Pope seeks to encourage abuse prevention board amid turmoil

O'Malley leads child protection commission

By Nicole Winfield
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ROME — Pope Francis sought to encourage his embattled child protection advisory board Friday, following weeks of turmoil sparked by the latest resignation of a founding member and fresh questions about its direction.

Francis urged his Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors to pursue a "spirituality of reparation" with abuse survivors and build a culture of safeguarding to prevent priests from raping and molesting children.

In particular, he praised the commission's efforts to establish church child protection programs in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, where there is less funding than in the United States and Europe.

"It is not right that the most prosperous areas of the world should have well-trained and well-funded safeguarding programs, where victims and their families are respected, while in other parts of the world they suffer in silence, perhaps rejected or stigmatized when they try to come forward to tell of the abuse they have suffered," Francis said.

Francis announced the creation of the commission in 2013 to provide best-practices advice on combatting abuse in the church. It is led by Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

The commission has gone through several iterations in the decade since, most significantly with resignations of members frustrated by the resistance of the Vatican bureaucracy to its recommendations and exasperated about the commission's unclear mandate and model.

The latest departure was the Rev. Hans Zollner, a German Jesuit who runs a child protection institute at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. In a blistering statement March 29 announcing his resignation, Zollner identified a series of internal problems in the commission that he said made it impossible for him to remain.

He cited a lack of financial accountability, lack of transparency about decision-making, and lack of clarity about what members are supposed to do and how they're appointed. Zollner's criticisms underscored broader questions about the purpose and direction of the commission, which has never found its place in a Vatican bureaucracy inherently resistant to change and defensive in particular about the abuse dossier.

Francis recently moved the commission under the auspices of the Vatican's Dicastery (department) for the Doctrine of the Faith in a bid to give it institutional legitimacy. But even that has created problems. Critics note that placing the commission under the Dicastery, where all abuse cases are processed, was akin to putting a victim's advocacy group inside a federal court.

The commission has recently moved into new, fancy quarters in a downtown Rome palazzo, which it hopes will be used as a place for victims to be heard and welcomed.

In addition, O'Malley told Francis on Friday that the commission had created a fund of 3 million euros to provide safeguarding resources to poorer churches in the developing world.

The bulk of that funding, some 2.5 million euros, has come from the Italian Bishops' Conference, which has been criticized repeatedly for its own failures to punish predator priests in Italy and the bishops who shield them.

Francis acknowledged the sex abuse scandal had undermined the church's ability to do its core job of spreading the Gospel.

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Officials checked on a man who collapsed and died near a hospital in Wuhan, China, in the early days of the pandemic.

Walensky resigns CDC post

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community-level COVID cases that many infectious disease specialists said obscured true transmission rates.

On Friday, CDC announced revisions to its data tracking, saying it will concentrate on hospitalizations, deaths, waste water monitoring, and genomic surveillance.

The end of the global public health emergency means countries will now manage COVID like other infectious diseases. But WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus stressed that the official end of the emergency did not mean COVID was over as a global health threat.

In the United States, Walensky's exit comes amid a hopeful time in the pandemic: The number of reported new infections and deaths are among the lowest in three years.

"We are in a much better place today than we've been almost at any time of the pandemic," said Michael T. Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota.

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A nurse in protective gear treated an ICU patient with COVID at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester in December 2020.

But he noted the country is still witnessing 1,000 deaths from COVID every week. "Just because the emergencies have been lifted, doesn't mean that we're out in the clear, because I still think that those 1,000 cases a day are people's loved ones, or moms and dads or brothers and sisters," he said. "If we can do something [to keep] those cases from occurring, and assuring they don't die, that's a huge benefit to society."

Dr. Kenneth Freedberg, director of the medical practice evaluation center at Massachusetts General Hospital who collaborated on several HIV projects with Walensky, said it seemed to make sense for her to leave now given the relative calm.

"The [COVID] levels are low, I can see why she would feel like she has accomplished a lot and this would be a good time to transition," said Freedberg, who had remained in touch with Walensky during her CDC tenure.

Walensky took over as CDC director in January 2021 and weathered a bumpy first year, with critics blasting the agency for confusing guidance about mask-wearing, quarantining, and school reopenings. She inherited an agency reeling from low morale, one that had been pushed aside during the Trump administration.

But former colleagues who worked with Walensky before her stint at the CDC, when she was renowned as an HIV researcher and director of the 70-person infectious disease department at Mass General, gave her high marks Friday for turning around an agency in distress.

"To use a medical expression, she answered the code," said A. David Paltiel, a professor at the Yale School of Public Health, who has written over 80 research papers with Walensky. A code, in health care, is an emergency notification typically announced over a loudspeaker, and usually requires urgent action.

"The nation was coding, the public health infrastructure was coding. I don't think you could point to another CDC director, ever, who has been presented with those sort of challenges on day one — of a once-in-a lifetime pandemic, public health infrastructure on the verge of collapse, a demoralized agency created by the mess of a White House who didn't give a damn," he said. "She did a remarkable job. She has a lot to show for it. She steadied the ship."

Anne Sosin, policy fellow at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, at Dartmouth College, was less glowing in her assessment and the road ahead for the CDC.

"Many of us had hoped that we would see a full reset of the pandemic response under this administration," Sosin said. "The CDC under her leadership has been held hostage by politics."

Sosin said too often the CDC, at the direction of the White House, appeared to look to polling data and guidance from political consultants in making decisions of major import to public health, such as whether to scale back masking and changing the guidance on isolation from 10 days to 5 after a COVID infection.

"She is an excellent physician and researcher, but that's not necessarily the making of a leader of a federal agency playing a major policy role during a pandemic," Sosin said. "I hope we learn from this, but I am not sure we will."

However, Sosin did credit Walensky for making sorely needed progress at the agency on other important issues, including expediting its system for review and release of scientific data and addressing some of the bureaucratic roadblocks within CDC departments that kept it from responding more quickly to crises.

The job Walensky stepped into was perhaps even harder than originally expected. At the time, the country appeared to be on the cusp of controlling the pandemic, thanks to the introduction of vaccines.

But the challenge of deploying the vaccine was soon compounded by a mix of reluctance and outright opposition from many in the public. The emergence of new variants required constant updating of recommendations. At the same time, the tension between health restrictions to keep the country safe and the economic consequences they wrought was mounting.

"All of those made her job far more challenging than anyone would have imagined," said Dr. Dan Kuritzkes, chief of the division of infectious diseases at Brigham and Women's Hospital who co-runs the MGH/BWH Infectious Diseases Fellowship that Walensky was once involved in.

"And I think she's done a great job navigating that. But it remains to be seen how much she was able to address the core issues of the agency, such as readiness for the next pandemic," Kuritzkes said.

While the agency's quick response to the Mpox outbreak in May 2022 was a promising sign, the agency will have to retain that level of vigor in the future, he said.

"It's hard to say what someone's legacy is until you've had perspective to see how durable the changes they've brought in will be," Kuritzkes said. "Undoubtedly there is a lot of unfinished business in continuing to restructure CDC and ensure it is on a sound financial footing. That of course depends on Congress, and the willingness of Congress to continue to invest in public health infrastructure."

Former Mass General president Dr. Peter Slavin, who worked closely with Walensky when she was head of the hospital's infectious disease unit, said she had instituted a number of positive reforms at the CDC, including pushing the organization to be more nimble responding to infectious disease threats.

"I think she's moved the needle in an appropriate direction," Slavin said.

"She'd be the first to say there is a lot more work to be done to get it in the shape it needs to be if, God forbid, we have another public health emergency," Slavin said. "And it's only a matter of time before that happens again."

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Omicron-like wave of illness feared by disease experts

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The White House recently received a sobering warning about the potential for the coronavirus to come roaring back, with experts reaching a consensus that there's a roughly 20 percent chance during the next two years of an outbreak rivaling the onslaught of illness inflicted by the Omicron variant.

A forecast from one widely regarded scientist pegged the risk at a more alarming level, suggesting a 40 percent chance of an Omicron-like wave.

White House officials spoke with about a dozen leading experts in virology, immunobiology, and other fields about the prospect that the virus would again develop mutations that allow it to evade protections from vaccines and treatments. Those discussions, not previously reported, came as the administration plans for the May 11 end of the public health emergency that was declared at the dawn of the pandemic.

Some experts based their conclusions on existing research, and at least one, computational biologist Trevor Bedford of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle, conducted new statistical analysis about the potential for a coronavirus wave.

"No one's saying it's zero. No one's saying it's 80 percent," said Dan Barouch, an immunologist and virologist at Harvard Medical School, who spoke with the White House. "It's more than an infinitesimal chance — and it is by no means a certainty."

The experts' analysis was shared in a report among Biden administration leaders this spring, as they weighed how to wind down their coronavirus response team and set up initiatives intended to provide longer-term pandemic protections. Several of those initiatives — including a next-generation vaccine program and a program to cover coronavirus vaccines and COVID treatments for the uninsured — are at risk as Republicans seek to claw back unspent coronavirus funds as part of ongoing debt ceiling talks in Congress.

The White House declined to comment about the experts' analysis.

"The administration has conversations with a broad range of experts, both inside and outside of government, on a number of issues," a White House spokesperson said in an e-mail.

Senior officials have publicly emphasized the need to implement more public health protections to guard against the next viral threat, even as political will and funding fades along with the threat from the coronavirus.

"One of my biggest worries is that we are losing time in preparing for the next pandemic," Dawn O'Connell, assistant secretary for preparedness and response at the Department of Health and Human Services, told a Senate committee Thursday.

Rochelle Walensky, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director who announced Friday that she was stepping down, also warned the Senate panel that her agency still faces challenges such as limitations on collecting data from hospitals and local health departments about potential outbreaks.

"We can't act swiftly, nimbly, robustly if we can't see what is happening from a data standpoint," Walensky said.

The World Health Organization on Friday declared that the pandemic is no longer a global health emergency, but WHO director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus cautioned that the announcement "does not mean that COVID-19 is over as a global health threat."

Confirmed COVID cases and deaths have plunged in recent months, with public health experts crediting the immunity conferred by vaccines and prior infections for curbing the virus's risks.

Fewer than 80,000 confirmed coronavirus cases were reported across the United States last week — the lowest figure since March 2020. But the actual rate of infection is almost certainly far higher than the reported numbers, with many Americans testing at home, if at all, and opting not to report their results.

The potential for large indoor gatherings to fuel coronavirus infections remains high, as illustrated by about three dozen cases linked to a CDC conference last week. The virus remains on pace to be one of the top 10 causes of death this year, with fatalities concentrated among older and immunocompromised individuals.

> 'Even if the pandemic is over, endemic COVID is still going to be a major public health concern.'
>
> TREVOR BEDFORD, *computational biologist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle*

"What most people don't understand ... this virus isn't going away," said Eric Topol, director of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, who also spoke with the White House about its projections.

Most of the infections in the United States since December 2021 have been caused by Omicron and its subvariants, raising the prospect that a new strain of the virus — with a set of novel mutations — could surprise immune systems conditioned to fight Omicron.

Bedford said he believes there is about a "40 percent chance of an Omicron-like event between today and May 2025," he wrote in an e-mail to The Washington Post this week, citing the analysis he shared with the White House and the logic that there had been one Omicron-level event so far during the pandemic, which began in early 2020.

Bedford said he understood why the WHO and the United States were ending their public health emergencies but added that the world is entering a stage of the COVID response that will pose new challenges.

"Even if the pandemic is over, endemic COVID is still going to be a major public health concern," he said.

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Governor Ron DeSantis (left) has faced questions from Kari Lake and Mike Lindell.

Conspiracy theorists target DeSantis

POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

To some, he is "Ron DeSoros," a puppet of Democratic megadonor George Soros. To others, he is "Ron DeSatan," a vaccine-supporting evildoer. And to still others, he is "Ron DePLANTis," a "plant" of the so-called Deep State.

As the governor of Florida — real name Ron DeSantis — explores a bid for the Republican presidential nomination, he has made overtures to supporters of former president Trump. But he is finding that the conspiracy theories and outlandish attacks that Trump and his allies have aimed at rivals for years are coming for him as well.

The attacks often nod to one of the many unfounded conspiracy theories floating around in far-right circles: election fraud, vaccine dangers, Soros and even QAnon, the online conspiracy movement that believes, among other things, in the existence of a cult that preys on children.

The attacks underscore the power that conspiracy theories continue to hold over Republican politics heading into the 2024 presidential election. To win the party's nomination, DeSantis would probably need support from a Republican base that has produced many of the attacks against him. And while DeSantis enjoys broad support among Republicans, soaring to reelection victory just six months ago, the latest primary polls show Trump gaining a sizable lead.

"It's a tug of war over who is going to grab the all-important conspiracy constituency," said Bond Benton, an associate professor at Montclair State University who has studied QAnon.

The demeaning nicknames for DeSantis have spread widely on conservative social media, growing this year as Trump's attacks increased. There were more than 12,000 mentions of "DeSoros" on social media and news sites since January, according to Zignal Labs, a media insights company. "DeathSantis," a term progressives used when the governor began relaxing Florida's COVID-19 restrictions that has since been adopted by some conservatives, received 1.6 million mentions over two years.

In recent months, DeSantis has responded by adopting some themes popular among the conspiratorial set, opposing vaccines he once endorsed and raising doubts about the 2020 election.

DeSantis' office did not respond to requests for comment.

The attacks have come from some of the loudest voices in Trump's corner. Mike Lindell, the MyPillow executive, quickly found a role for DeSantis in his elaborate election fraud narrative. Lindell said, falsely, that Florida was spared from widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election because DeSantis had a close relationship with Dominion Voting Systems, an election software company targeted by election deniers.

"Ron DeSantis is a Trojan horse," Lindell said in a recent interview with The New York Times.

Lindell pointed to an appearance DeSantis had with a Dominion lawyer shortly after the election as a sign that the governor had conflicting loyalties. The lawyer, Elizabeth Locke, was speaking with DeSantis on a panel about the dangers of defamation by mainstream media. She has also represented Sarah Palin.

There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election and no evidence that DeSantis had any special relationship with Dominion.

Kari Lake, a Republican who lost her campaign for governor of Arizona last year, once praised DeSantis on the campaign trail. But in February, as Trump's attacks grew, she shared a story claiming DeSantis was endorsed by Soros, calling it "the kiss of death." (Soros had only said that DeSantis was likely to become the nominee.)

"The broader narrative is that he is connected to the shadowy forces that seek to bring down Trump," said Bond, the Montclair professor.

NEW YORK TIMES

Majority support restrictions affecting transgender kids

Clear majorities of Americans support restrictions affecting transgender children, a Washington Post-KFF poll finds, offering political jet fuel for Republicans in state houses and Congress who are pushing measures restricting curriculum, sports participation, and medical care.

Most Americans don't believe it's even possible to be a gender that differs from that assigned at birth. A 57 percent majority of adults said a person's gender is determined from the start, with 43 percent saying it can differ.

And some Americans have become more conservative on these questions as Republicans have seized the issue and worked to promote new restrictions. The Pew Research Center found 60 percent last year saying one's gender is determined by the sex assigned at birth, up from 54 percent in 2017. Even among young adults, who are the most accepting of trans identity, about half said in the Post-KFF poll that a person's gender is determined by their sex at birth.

Alyssa Wells, 29, a behavior therapist in Daytona Beach, Fla., who participated in the Post-KFF survey, said her views have changed on this issue in recent years as she has learned more, chiefly from Christian podcasts.

"At first I was on the side of acceptance, like using the pronouns and stuff, because I want people to be kind to each other. I don't want people fighting all the time," she said. But she has come to see things differently.

"We can't vote until we're a certain age, we can't smoke, drink or whatever, but we can change our bodies' anatomy and how it works?" she said. "It just doesn't seem like that's OK to me." Treatments for trans youths sometimes include hormone therapies, but not genital surgery, which guidelines generally say doctors should not provide until patients are 18.

Still, as the country engages in a national debate over public policy around gender identity, interviews and other poll findings suggest that many Americans hold complicated and sometimes contradictory views on the subject. While a majority of Americans oppose access to puberty blockers and hormone treatments for children and teenagers, for instance, clear majorities also support laws prohibiting discrimination against trans people.

"You have a big swath of the American public still trying to make sense of this issue," said Patrick Egan, a scholar of American politics and public opinion at New York University.

WASHINGTON POST

8 Georgia electors strike deal to avoid prosecution

At least eight of the 16 Georgia Republicans who convened in December 2020 to declare Donald Trump the winner of the presidential contest despite his loss in the state have accepted immunity deals from Atlanta-area prosecutors investigating alleged election interference, according to a lawyer for the electors.

Prosecutors with the office of Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis told the eight that they will not be charged with crimes if they testify truthfully in her sprawling investigation into efforts by Trump, his campaign, and his allies to overturn Joe Biden's victory in Georgia, according to a brief filed Friday in Fulton County Superior Court by defense attorney Kimberly Bourroughs Debrow.

WASHINGTON POST

Tanden selected to lead domestic policy for Biden

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relied on some of the critical programs that she will oversee as Domestic Policy Advisor, and I know those insights will serve my Administration and the American people well. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Neera in her new role."

She will supervise a vast portfolio that includes Biden's policies on gun control, policing, immigration, and health care – issues on which the administration's ambition has been limited mostly to executive actions due to the reality of a closely divided Congress.

Unlike her predecessor, whose expertise was almost entirely in foreign policy when she accepted the position, Tanden offers a knowledge base that has been rooted in domestic issues.

Tanden grew up in Bedford as the child of Indian immigrants who divorced when she was 5. She has spoken about how the social safety net — welfare, food stamps, and housing vouchers — helped her family get back on its feet. After attending Bedford Public Schools, she graduated from UCLA and Yale Law School.

AP POOL FILE

Neera Tanden had been nominated to lead the budget office.

"One of the things that is so deeply, profoundly meaningful to me about this role is that I will be able to do everything in my power to expand opportunities for kids like me," she said in a brief interview.

Tanden advanced in Washington as a trusted aide to the Clintons, serving as associate director for domestic policy to President Clinton; she also advised Hillary Clinton on policy when she was first lady and a US senator from New York. Tanden later became a key aide on Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign and worked in the Obama administration on the Affordable Care Act.

"[She is] someone who is steeped in policy and has that sort of nerd background, nerd credentials, but also... she understands the politics of this moment and the challenges that are real challenges around what it will take to get things through Congress," said Karen Finney, a Democratic strategist who worked on Clinton's 2016 campaign.

An adviser to Hillary Clinton on the 2016 campaign, Tanden sparred in public with Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who waged a combative fight for the nomination, and his supporters, as well as others on the progressive left. She was also quick to write sharp-edged social media posts during the Trump administration.

During the bitter Democratic primary fight in 2020, she urged her party to hover above the fray.

"The divisiveness of the 2016 primary campaign is seared in many Democrats' memory, and many believe it hurt Hillary in the general election," Tanden told the Globe at the time. "That factionalism had terrible consequences, and so reminding people of that problem, especially when everyone is focused on electability, is important."

The domestic policy role does not require Senate confirmation, a process that thwarted her initial attempt to join the administration.

After he won the presidential election in 2020, Biden nominated Tanden to direct the Office of Management and Budget, but her outfront social media presence was used against her.

In 2018, Tanden suggested in a tweet that Russia had helped Sanders in the 2016 primary. She also compared Republican Senator Ted Cruz of Texas to a vampire, and Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky to Voldemort.

Although she apologized and the tweets were deleted by the time her confirmation hearing began, she faced bipartisan opposition from senators and her nomination was ultimately withdrawn.

"Your attacks were not just made against Republicans," Sanders told her at the time. "There were vicious attacks against progressives, people who I have worked with, me personally."

In his statement accepting her withdrawal from consideration for the OMB director, Biden made it clear she would stay in the fold.

"She clearly has the president's trust," Finney said.

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Living and breathing on the front line of a toxic chemical zone

Families worry about long-term health effects

By Eric Lipton
NEW YORK TIMES

DEER PARK, Texas — Juan López had just returned home from his job supervising the cleaning of giant tanks that hold toxic chemicals produced along the Houston Ship Channel, one of the largest petrochemical complexes in the world.

He was ready to sit down to dinner with his wife, Pamela López, and their four school-age children at their small house across the highway from the plants.

But as the family gathered, the facilities were still burning off chemical emissions, sending clouds of leftover toxics toward their two-bedroom home, hitting them on some days with distinct and worrisome smells — and leaving López concerned about the health of their children.

"I make good money where I'm at," he said. "But I always felt like it was only me that was getting exposed, because I am working in the tanks with the chemicals. When the smell comes, all we can really do is try to keep everyone inside. Is that enough? I just don't know."

He has reason to worry. Two recent assessments, by the Environmental Protection Agency and city officials in Houston, found that residents were at higher risk of developing leukemia and other cancers than people who lived farther from the chemical plants.

These same worries afflict households in Illinois, Louisiana, West Virginia, and other spots around the United States where families live near manufacturing facilities that make or use these cancer-causing chemicals.

"Sacrifice zones — that's what we call them," said Ana Parras, a founder of Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services, which sued the EPA starting in 2020 to push for tighter rules on toxics. "These areas here are paying the price for the rest of the nation, really."

After years of only intermittent action by the federal government and opposition from the industry, the Biden administration is racing to impose restrictions on certain toxic air releases of the sort that plague Deer Park, while also moving to ban or restrict some of the most hazardous chemicals entirely.

The proposed measures would significantly cut releases of a number of cancer-causing chemicals from plants in Texas, including four of those across the highway from the López family.

Companies from a variety of industries, including those that produce the substances and those that use them, are pressuring the administration to water down some of the rules, saying the repercussions of a ban or new restrictions could be economically crippling.

RAQUEL NATALICCHIO/HOUSTON CHRONICLE VIA AP

A fire burned at a Shell chemical facility on Friday sending a huge plume of smoke into the air in Deer Park, Texas.

Few communities are at greater risk than Deer Park.

On Friday, a huge fire broke out at one of the petrochemical plants across the highway from their home. "That is a lot of smoke," Pamela López said in a phone interview, as she looked out at the blaze. "I don't know exactly what is in the tank that exploded." The wind, at least, was blowing east, away from the home.

Texas records examined by The New York Times show that toxic releases are happening regularly in the area, sometimes even without notifications to residents.

That includes carcinogens spewed from the OxyVinyls plastics manufacturing plant across the highway when air pollution control equipment temporarily went down before dawn in mid-July, state records show. The discharge included three known or suspected carcinogens that the EPA is cracking down on.

When a tornado touched down in the neighborhood in January, the power went out, disrupting pollution control equipment in at least seven refineries and chemical plants in the area and resulting in the discharge of known toxins that were visible in the form of black clouds of smoke.

Mixed in with these discharges, state records show, were an estimated 32,000 pounds of sulfur dioxide, an air pollutant that can cause respiratory ailments, as well as smaller amounts of 1,3-butadiene and benzine, known carcinogens.

Other records obtained by the Times show that nearby plants have released into the air over the past two years other chemicals — a kind of who's who list of the most toxic chemicals in use in the United States — the same substances the Biden administration is preparing to impose new restrictions on.

An analysis prepared by the advocacy group Earthjustice based on federal records shows more than 1 million pounds of these so-called high-priority chemicals, including the carcinogens 1,3-butadiene and formaldehyde, have been released over the past decade in the Deer Park neighborhood.

One goal of the policies the EPA has recently issued or proposed is to remove a loophole that allows toxic chemical discharges during bad storms, plant malfunctions, or when they start up or shut down. The agency will separately require, for the first time, that many of these chemical plants monitor air at their fence lines for six key toxics to ensure they are complying with the rules.

"Communities don't stop breathing during a hurricane," Michael Regan, the EPA administrator, said last month, standing in front of a plastics plant in St. John the Baptist Parish, in Louisiana, as he announced some of the proposed rules.

In the Houston area, many neighbors of the López family in Deer Park work at the plants or have relatives who do. They say they appreciate all that the corporations have done for the community, such as donating money to expand playgrounds and supporting local schools.

Candace Dray, 43, has lived in the Deer Park area all her life. She remembers growing up when her father used to play football outside with the neighbors, the night sky lit up by flares from the plants. Her son Joshua Howard Jr., 6, still plays in the front yard, as the flares burn on the other side of the highway.

"I've got the VIP seats, absolutely," Dray joked, looking across from her house at the endless line of plants that turn crude oil into gasoline and produce chemicals needed to manufacture plastics and sanitize drinking water. "But these plants have to be somewhere. Somebody has got to do the work. You have to have these products."

But the threats are at times overwhelming. A fire in March 2019 spread to almost a dozen chemical tanks, forming a plume of smoke that lingered over the area for three days and prompting a formal shelter-in-place warning from the local authorities. Hundreds of thousands of gallons of hazardous waste spilled on the ground and leaked into the water.

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EDITORIAL

How to boost confidence in the US banking system

When Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank failed in March and a panic set in among bankers and their customers about whether the US financial system was on the precipice of a major crisis, federal officials quickly reassured the public that there wasn't much evidence of serious trouble ahead. "Our banking system is sound," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Congress at the time.

And yet, just over a month later, a third bank failed. After First Republic Bank disclosed in late April that its customers withdrew more than $100 billion of their deposits in the aftermath of SVB's and Signature's collapse, its stock price plummeted to $3.51 — down from $115 in early March. Regulators subsequently seized the bank and sold it off to JPMorgan Chase. Still, federal officials are again telling Americans not to worry. "The US banking system is sound and resilient," Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said in a speech on Thursday.

That could well be a true assessment of the current landscape, but it's unfortunately not enough to reassure Americans that everything is OK. After all, the three recently failed banks had assets that totaled more than the value of the 25 banks that failed in 2008 combined, and they all seemingly failed because of bad risk management. More than that, recently released postmortems by the Fed, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the US Government Accountability Office blame the collapse of SVB and Signature Bank at least in part to shoddy supervision by regulators.

According to the report by the Fed, for example, its supervisory staff noticed some, though not all, warning signs that SVB was vulnerable, but regulators were slow to push the bank to make necessary changes to address its risky bets. That was a result of both Congress and the Fed scaling back regulatory standards for midsize banks, which ultimately contributed to a "shift in culture" among the Fed's staff that made supervisors more cautious, the report said. Surely that culture shift was not limited to the staff supervising SVB. And if those supervisors missed some of SVB's red flags and failed to act with any urgency on the ones they did notice, then how certain can the Fed actually be that there aren't similar problems at other banks?

The reality is that the health of the US banking system heavily relies on people's confidence in it. That was made clear by the bank runs in March: When depositors panic, they'll instantly grab their money and go.

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Federal officials can't expect to quell bank customers' concerns by simply saying there's nothing to worry about, especially after their own regulators were caught enabling banks to take on more risks because of poor and ineffective oversight. That's why the federal government must couple its officials' statements about the soundness of the banking system with swift confidence-building action that strengthens regulators' ability to identify problem banks and compel change that improves those banks' risk management.

The good news is that this isn't 2008, and there is good reason to believe that the banking system is indeed as resilient as Yellen and Powell say. Despite the rollback of some banking regulations during the Trump administration — like Congress's 2018 law that exempted midsize banks from certain provisions under the Dodd-Frank Act and the Fed's 2019 rule changes — the financial system is still far more strictly regulated than it was before the Great Recession. But that doesn't mean that lawmakers should be complacent. As the Fed's report on SVB's failure points out, the recent rollbacks created a "weaker regulatory framework," and had they not taken effect, an institution like SVB would have likely been more resilient. That's why Congress should reinstate the Dodd-Frank provisions it rolled back, including subjecting midsize banks to regular stress tests that would identify risks earlier on. Capitol Hill should also consider other measures, including raising the FDIC's deposit insurance cap, as this editorial board has previously argued — an idea that has garnered bipartisan support among lawmakers and for which the FDIC expressed support on Monday.

But what's made clear by the recent reports is that Congress's actions, whatever they may be, will not be enough on their own — that is, if lawmakers in a divided Congress manage to pass legislation at all. The agencies responsible for supervising banks had tools at their disposal but failed to use them. Supervisors at the Fed, for example, had identified that SVB had problematic interest rate risks as early as 2020, but they didn't issue any supervisory findings on the matter until late 2022, and they ultimately failed to downgrade the bank's rating on interest rate risk before it collapsed. Had they acted sooner, they could have compelled the bank to make changes before it was too late. And in its report, the FDIC, which was responsible for supervising Signature Bank, suggested that it was too understaffed to provide proper oversight. These are problems that the Fed and the FDIC can and should address as soon as possible, without waiting for Congress.

So far, Powell has said that he agrees with the Fed report's recommendations to reverse some of its rule changes that relaxed supervision, saying, "I am confident [the recommendations would] lead to a stronger and more resilient banking system." But the Fed must also go further and ensure that its regulatory failures are thoroughly investigated in order to signal to its own supervisors that the recent shift in culture outlined in the report will no longer be tolerated — that supervisors must be more forceful and less complacent. That means encouraging and cooperating with independent reviews of its supervision of SVB, and being as transparent as possible with lawmakers and the public.

The faster that lawmakers and regulators act, the more reassured the public will be that US banks are not going to fall like dominos. Otherwise, their words about the strength of the US banking system will start to sound less like scientific assessments and more like the comic strip of a dog sipping coffee in a burning house saying, "This is fine" — especially if, or when, the next bank fails.

MARCELA GARCÍA

A new seat at the table for a behind-the-scenes Latina power player

Jeffrey Sánchez makes sure to always pick up Nathalie Rayes's calls.

"Do you know how many times she's called me asking me to raise money to get a Latino elected for this or that office?" said Sánchez, a former state representative and former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee who's currently a senior adviser at Rasky Partners. She is persistent, Sánchez said, and someone who is hard to say no to.

Rayes, who has lived in Boston for a decade, has the ear of many national and local political figures but she is not a household name. The CEO and president of Latino Victory, Rayes is a behind-the-scenes political power player who's focused on making sure Latinos are represented at every level of government.

She has the ear of a wide range of high-profile figures in politics. Joe Kennedy III told me that "Rayes is a force of nature." In a statement, US Representative Katherine Clark, the House Democratic whip, called her "unstoppable," someone who "understands that power is built from the bottom up."

> If confirmed, Rayes would be the fourth Latina to be appointed US ambassador by the Biden administration and would join a select group of about a dozen Latinas who have been appointed US ambassadors in American history.

And now Rayes has been raised into a much more visible role. On Tuesday, President Biden nominated Rayes to serve as US ambassador to Croatia, a NATO ally and European Union member. It's a critical post given the current state of geopolitics in Eastern Europe with the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

Disclosure: Rayes is a friend. I felt compelled to write about her nomination because she represents a new wave of Latinx power that's figured out how to get a seat at the table. If confirmed, Rayes would be the fourth Latina to be appointed US ambassador by the Biden administration and would join a select group of about a dozen Latinas who have been appointed US ambassadors in American history.

Rayes's nomination stands out on another meaningful level. Unlike many Biden ambassadorial picks, she is not a megadonor. The United States is practically the only democracy in the world where presidents, both Democrat and Republican, traditionally appoint deeply pocketed campaign donors for ambassadorial roles, or what is known as "bundlers," those who donate directly or help raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the winning presidential campaign. Biden has tapped the donor-to-ambassador pipeline for about a third of his ambassadorial nominees.

Nor is the Foreign Service known for its diversity. In a late 1970s study commissioned by the then secretary of state, the service was famously described as "elitist, self-satisfied, a walled-in barony populated by smug white males." That has barely changed. The White House did not respond to a request for data on the racial and ethnic diversity of Biden's diplomatic appointees. As of 2020, Latinos accounted for roughly 8 percent of the Foreign Service's workforce.

That's why US Representative Ayanna Pressley is "thrilled" by Rayes's nomination. "Representation matters, and our diplomatic corps are no exception," Pressley said in a statement.

Rayes has an extensive background in public service and has served on the boards of many institutions, including the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. Earlier in her career, she was deputy chief of staff for then Los Angeles mayor James K. Hahn.

Like Kennedy put it, she has always been "dedicated to lifting people up and to making sure she can navigate the upper echelons of power so that those left out of conversations" have a way in to participate in them.

For instance, Juana Matias, a former lawmaker from Lawrence and the first Latina from Massachusetts to mount a viable campaign for US Congress, said Rayes was instrumental when she ran in 2018. "She took a risk with me but she connected me to key national people and helped me fundraise," Matias said. But even after she lost that congressional race, Matias said, Rayes did not forget about her public service. Rayes was helping recruit Latino talent for the Biden-Harris administration, Matias said. "Nathalie called me and said, 'I want to put your name in, send me your resume,' " Matias said.

Fast forward to March 2022: Biden appointed Matias as New England regional administrator for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the first Latina in that post for the region, Matias said. "Not only did she open that door for me, she also made me believe I absolutely belong there. I would not have applied for that role otherwise!"

Because Rayes's ambassadorial nomination is pending confirmation in the US Senate, she referred me to the White House.

There was no shortage of people willing to talk about what her nomination means to the Commonwealth and to Latinos, and her eminent qualifications to be US ambassador to Croatia. "There are a few people in our state, I would argue, and in much of our country, who have done as much as Nathalie to truly engage Latinos," former state representative and current Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Services Jon Santiago said in an interview. Kennedy added, "Nathalie has an ability to make sure every person is seen, heard, and championed."

Whether she's creating pathways for the generation behind her to occupy decision-making posts or navigating the halls of power, Rayes's consistent and relentless theme has been that Latinos have to step up if they want to be heard. And people like Rayes are needed in the US diplomacy world where Latino voices are sorely underrepresented. The Senate should swiftly confirm her.

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Nathalie Rayes was nominated by President Biden to be US ambassador to Croatia.

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READERS' FORUM

Seeking: another presidential candidate. Apply within.

Group is laying groundwork in individual states for a moderate third option

Re Jeff Jacoby's column "Republicans can spare the country a rematch it doesn't want" (Ideas, April 30): I see only one hope of avoiding a depressing choice between President Biden and Donald Trump in 2024: a viable and moderate third candidate. The group No Labels is laying the groundwork for this, getting on the ballot in several states already. If the group nominates a ticket, it will be a "unity ticket," with a moderate Republican and a moderate Democrat. It has indicated that it would enter the race only if there is a clear and reasonable path to victory.

No Labels is cochaired by Ben Chavis, an iconic leader of the civil rights movement who served as a youth coordinator for Martin Luther King Jr. The group is committed to avoiding becoming a spoiler in the race. The goal is to give a voice to moderates on both sides who want our leaders to focus on actually getting things done.

KEN SLAUGHTER
Worcester

Ranked choice in primaries could bring us away from the fringe

How is it that out of a country of more than 331 million people, we could end up with a rematch between Donald Trump and President Joe Biden? Jeff Jacoby outlines many of the causes and symptoms but ignores the obvious solution: preferential or ranked-choice voting for the primaries.

In 2016, Trump won primary elections with a core of rabid followers against a field of more moderate conservatives who together divvied up the majority of votes.

Just a guess, but I suspect Trump would have been far down in the final tally with ranked choice then and would be again in 2024.

In contrast to the general election, where the finality and clarity of an A-or-B choice is paramount, primaries should be a process for defining and refining positions and policies and, simply, seeing who is up to the job.

Absent the proverbial smoke-filled room of party elders making candidate sausage of policy and electability, ranked-choice voting is the best way to promote candidates who are not as beholden to the fringe edges of their parties.

MARK LOHR
Jamaica Plain

EVAN VUCCI/AP

People waited for President Biden to arrive to speak at a news conference in the East Room of the White House on March 25, 2021.

Many may disapprove of both Biden and Trump, but only one is truly disreputable

In Jeff Jacoby's column about an election rematch between President Biden and Donald Trump, his characterization of both as "two of the most uninspiring, second-rate presidents ever elected" stretches both fact and reason.

One is only a little over halfway through his term, and in his first year in office he was able to get major legislation passed. His political reputation was established by more than 35 years as a US senator and eight years as vice president. Hardly mediocre.

The other made his political reputation by spreading the lie that Barack Obama was not born in the United States. He became known to many people through his TV show, which featured him "firing" someone every week. His presidency will be remembered for setting new lows for lies and a record for impeachments.

Something seems distorted here.

Also, Jacoby's column makes no mention of the concept of decency.

KEVIN DUNN
Marshfield

Jeff Jacoby needs more perspective when it comes to comparing presidents. To refer to both Joe Biden and Donald Trump as "uninspiring, second-rate presidents" implies an undeserved equivalence between the two. Biden may be uninspiring and second rate, but he is certainly not a twice-impeached insurrectionist serial liar who has destroyed our country's faith in free and fair elections and who is currently under indictment.

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They started the AI revolution without us

With Google doing the bankrolling, public-private training of tomorrow's tech workers tilts corporate

US Representative Ro Khanna's call for public-private partnerships to help prepare citizens for the high-tech jobs and opportunities ostensibly promised by artificial intelligence sounds reasonable at first glance but it fails to examine the economic system that tends to favor the corporate class at the expense of the rest of us ("Prepare for the AI revolution," Opinion, May 2). How can one expect the public interest to benefit from Google financing a program like TechWise? These students and mentees are more likely to be trained to enhance the interest of Google and its counterparts in the corporate class. Google is going to demand more bang for its buck.

Khanna's collaboration with Google in facilitating this program shows that the Democrats are not much different from the Republicans in pushing the economic agenda of the elite. We can expect to see a greater concentration of wealth into fewer and fewer hands at the expense of the rest of us.

TechWise, which seeks to train and place students in well-paying tech jobs after graduation, should be enacted as a public trust with a short leash on the private corporations. The commercialization of our society constitutes a threat to our democracy. Entrepreneurs and start-ups speak the "up from the boostraps" rhetoric to the rest of us while they enjoy generous tax breaks and government subsidies.

Before we eagerly jump into the deception of a so-called technotopia, we should be raising questions about who benefits.

DANA FRANCHITTO
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Free-speech crowd may object, but the bots must be fact-checked

As useful as artificial intelligence can be, it can be quite dangerous in the hands of those who would use it for ill. And there are plenty of bad actors. As advocates of free speech in a democratic society, we may need to give up certain First Amendment rights if our society is going to survive. Much like a byline in a newspaper or magazine article, AI publications of all types ought to be clearly identified. We must know the source of an AI publication, especially if it might be a lie or an otherwise phony copy of something else.

We cannot let lies go unanswered. There is just too much at stake, including elections, and therefore the future of our society. The same rationale would need to be applied to the most basic of communications, including e-mails.

Identification of sources should be enforced by legislation. Anything that is not source-identified must not be allowed online. This restriction will alarm free-speech advocates, but regulation is crucial. Technology is outstripping our ability — politically, intellectually, and societally — to control it. True authors of any writing, whether songs, poetry, educational articles, editorials, or books, must be protected.

In the computer age, anybody can say anything and then hide behind a veil of anonymity, with no fear of retribution, for spreading false news or dangerous lies cloaked as truths. A new age is here, and we must confront it now.

ANDY VOIKOS
Barnstable

Does AI share a byline?

US Representative Ro Khanna's May 2 op-ed seems to say that AI can be used to train people for future jobs in technology. It goes on with details of the cost of training various numbers of people and how these folks will be placed in tech jobs all around the country.

But nowhere does it explain what this training looks like. Lots of generalizations, no details.

Did Khanna produce the piece after making an inquiry to ChatGPT — something like "How can AI be used to train future tech workers?"

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Patience running out for beleaguered Blue Line riders

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Shuttle buses queued up at the Government Center Station after the Blue Line was shut down Wednesday night.

Wait times between trains had remained shorter than other lines, around six minutes on weekdays, according to TransitMatters' analysis of MBTA data, despite the agency's cuts to subway service put in place last June.

That all changed in early March when the MBTA announced it was slowing the entire subway system down from a top train speed of 40 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour while the agency verified the safety of its tracks because it couldn't account for the locations of all of its serious defects. Until they are repaired, those defects require the MBTA to operate trains at slower speeds to avoid derailments and other problems. The T lifted its systemwide slowdown shortly after, but speed restrictions remained on around 25 percent of subway tracks.

On March 8, the day before the systemwide slow down, the Blue Line had just two speed restrictions in place accounting for 2 percent of its tracks, according to the MBTA's speed restriction dashboard. Now, after the MBTA finished its review of track conditions last week, the Blue Line has 21 speed restrictions covering 44 percent of its tracks.

The Blue Line has a higher percentage of its tracks with speed restrictions than any other subway line, the T's dashboard showed as of Friday. And wait times between trains and travel times from one end of the line to the other have jumped, according to the TransitMatters dashboard.

The slower pace of transit has rippled through the lives of residents along the line, many of whom travel into Boston for work or connect to other lines for jobs farther away.

And more disruptions are on the way. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation plans to shut down the Sumner Tunnel, which funnels traffic from East Boston to downtown Boston, from July 5 to Aug. 31, eliminating a major transportation connection. The tunnel has been closed most weekends since last spring.

State Senator Lydia Edwards, who represents East Boston, Revere, and Winthrop, said the Blue Line needs to have service restored and tracks fully repaired by the time the tunnel closes seven days a week.

"Anything less is unacceptable," she said.

State Representative Adrian Madaro, who represents East Boston, said his constituents rely heavily on public transit to get to school, work, and medical appointments.

"At the end of the day, something has to give," he said. "It's not fair to burden the community with the closure of the tunnel and slow zones on the Blue Line."

In his first presentation to the agency's board of directors as general manager last month, Phillip Eng said that the MBTA would be able to lift all speed restrictions between Bowdoin and Aquarium stations by the end of May if it could shut down much of the Blue Line on weekdays from 7 p.m. to close. There are currently nine restrictions on that stretch, the T's data show.

But the agency later said the shutdowns on April 24-27 and May 1-4 would begin at 8 p.m. after "feedback from public stakeholder groups," according to an announcement. "Crews will be replacing close to 2,000 feet of rail, over 450 ties, and perform more than 3,000 feet of tamping," the announcement said. Tamping is a process to level subway tracks.

MBTA spokesperson Joe Pesaturo said the T is still targeting removing restrictions between Bowdoin and Aquarium stations — which doesn't include any stations in Eastie or Revere — by the end of the month and is looking at doing more shutdowns in June before the tunnel closure.

At his presentation last month, Eng said more Blue Line shutdowns would help the agency reach its goal of eliminating all slow zones on the line by November. He said the agency is still working on plans for the other three subway lines, which all have dozens of defects in need of repairs. Indeed, stretches of the Red Line will be replaced by shuttle buses this weekend and on upcoming weekends and weeknights this month.

For some Blue Line riders, the commute with shuttle buses took twice as long as their usual trips with the train. Joselina Leclerc, 25, said normally she's able to get to her home in Chelsea in time to go to the gym after returning from her job as a medical assistant but doubted with the shuttle buses Wednesday that she'd be able to make it.

She's hopeful the track improvements will be worth it.

"Sometimes it closes, and then it's still the same," she said.

Edwards called riders' frustration "justified."

"They have a right to expect a public transit system that they pay their tax dollars into is functioning," she said. "I understand we have let them down."

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has long failed to stay on top of its subway system's maintenance needs. A safety inspection by the Federal Transit Administration last year found that the MBTA had no timely plans to remove speed restrictions, which had been quietly slowing down commutes for years.

Blue Line riders seemed doubtful Wednesday that the shutdown they endured would fix the T's problems.

When Bryan Duque, 31, showed up to Government Center around 7:50 p.m. heading home to East Boston from his job downtown, he said the last train was already gone.

"It's not ruining my evening, but I'd love to be home by now," he said.

At around 8:20 p.m., a Cambridge resident who declined to give her full name was waiting for the shuttle bus at Maverick Station to take her to Government Center, where she would need to catch the Green Line to get to her home in Cambridge.

Her job in Chelsea pays her hourly, she said, and she estimated she has spent around $200 on ride hailing apps since the shutdown began to make it home in the evenings.

"Not only am I wasting money," she said. "My time is being wasted."

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Christmas Tree Shops files for reorganization, will close sites

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new financing to fund operations during Chapter 11. "Our operations are sound. By increasing our financial flexibility, we will be able to focus on continuing to delight our loyal customers with a wide selection of unique goods at affordable prices."

Still, the news has upset longtime shoppers who wistfully remember buying marshmallow roasting sticks for the Fourth of July and ornaments for Christmas here. (One Twitter user jokingly said, "I remember having to go as a kid, and it always smelling weird.")

"It's unbelievable," said Loretta Bradley, a Tewksbury resident walking out of the Somerville store Friday with finds for a Kentucky Derby party this weekend: two serving bowls imprinted with watermelon slices ($2.99 each) and a dish towel monogrammed with a "P" for her friend Pam ($1.99).

"Where else," she mused, "can you find stuff like this?"

Bonnie Sestito, another Christmas Tree Shops superfan, came in to browse Friday after hearing about the bankruptcy, worried it would close before she had a chance. Among her past purchases? Birdseed, toiletries, and snacks.

"Today, I'm here just to be here," Sestito said, while holding a mitt designed to help clean house plants, which she admittedly did not need. "It's a really nice place to shop."

The Christmas Tree Shops franchise has a storied history in Massachusetts. In the 1950s, a couple opened "The Christmas Tree Gift Shop" in Yarmouth Port on Cape Cod from May to October, according to Good Housekeeping. In the '70s, it changed hands to Chuck and Doreen Bilezikian, who expanded the store to include toys and summertime staples, and over the next three decades opened 24 additional locations in New England and New York.

Their son, Greg Bilezikian, said his family came into retail at just the right time, when big-box retailers — including Walmart, Pier 1 Imports, and Crate and Barrel — were expanding rapidly. The news about possible bankruptcy is heartbreaking but not entirely surprising, he added.

> 'The world has changed. It's evolving, and it's hard to be an entrepreneur in retail today.'
>
> GREG BILEZIKIAN, *whose family built the Christmas Tree Shops chain*

Christmas Tree Shops "was all we knew growing up," said Bilezikian, who now runs "Just Picked Gifts" in Yarmouth. "It was a lot of fun for a lot of people. [The bankruptcy has] brought up emotions for different parts of the family now. But I understand. The world has changed. It's evolving, and it's hard to be an entrepreneur in retail today."

In 2003, Bed Bath and Beyond bought Christmas Tree Shops from the Bilezikians for $200 million and expanded the franchise to 20 states. In November 2020, it sold the company to Middleborough-based Handil Holdings LLC, for an undisclosed sum. (Just last month, Bed Bath and Beyond filed for bankruptcy itself to the dismay of loyal customers and couponers.)

Over the years, the Christmas Tree Shops have been heralded for their architecture as much as their inventory. Many locations are designed to fit the charm of old Victorian and Colonial-style buildings. The location on Route 1 in Lynnfield, next to what was once The Ship restaurant, has a lighthouse, despite being 10 miles from the ocean; another at the Sagamore Bridge rotary in Cape Cod features an enormous windmill. And the shop at Somerville's Assembly Row boasts an impressive clock tower on top, often a resting spot for pigeons.

But by Friday, that storefront saw a dwindling stream of customers and a few empty shelves.

Edgar Dworsky, founder of Consumer World, said he'd noticed those signs of struggle when he'd stop in these past few weeks. Usual displays of large pots, fresh flowers, and patio chairs had disappeared in Somerville. (It has not yet been confirmed whether this storefront — or any local one — will close in the bankruptcy proceedings.)

"I knew there was something wrong stock-wise days ago," he added. "They just didn't have the breadth of goods they usually have. They closed off the left side of the store. They built a wall out of shelves with toiletries and health and beauty aids."

An Arlington woman who declined to share her name also said Christmas Tree Shops is now the remnant of a fading business model. The COVID-19 pandemic and growing dominance of online shopping have strained retailers these past three years. Similar big box companies, including JC Penney and Lord and Taylor, have filed for bankruptcy since 2020.

Even here at the Somerville shop, prices are going up, and inventory is floundering.

"$2.50 used to be the magic number here," she added. "Now almost nothing goes for that much."

Yet despite the gradual uptick in prices, several people Friday told the Globe that the Shops remain their favorite store.

Brockton native Marjorie Goodwin said she visits often to pick up "whatever catches her eye" — Easter-themed welcome mats and tiny craft-size American flags among them. "I'll be sad to see it go."

While holding jumbo boxes of Victor Allen single brew coffee cups, Elaine Ross of Revere had a more positive spin.

"It's a little disappointing," she said. "But maybe it'll help me cut back on my spending."

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Body boards were among items on sale Friday at the Christmas Tree Shop in Pembroke. The chain's store at the Cape Cod Canal features a windmill that's a welcome icon for vacationers crossing the Sagamore Bridge.

JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF FILE

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BRINGING THEIR MOVES TO CENTER COURT

The Globe went behind the scenes during Game 2 of the NBA playoff series between the Celtics and the Philadelphia 76ers to get a look at Phunk Phenomenon, the hip-hop dance company that often performs during basketball games at the TD Garden. At right: Mifuyu Tsuji (left) raised her phone to take a photo as she and Audrianna Campbell (center) and others walked out onto the floor. Above: Members of Phunk Phenomenon performed during the Celtics halftime show. **B4**

Deadly explosion not deemed suspicious

Investigation continues into blast that killed man, 62, at Newburyport chemical plant

By John R. Ellement
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Fire investigators returned Friday to the scene of a deadly explosion at a pharmaceutical chemical plant in Newburyport and have preliminarily determined it does not appear suspicious, a state official said.

But the probe into the blast at the PSI Synthesis plant Thursday that killed a worker is continuing, a spokesman for the state fire marshal's office said.

"The explosion appears related to a chemical manufacturing process and does not appear suspicious, but the exact cause remains under investigation," Jake Wark, public information officer for the state Department of Fire Services, said in an e-mail Friday afternoon.

In a statement, Newburyport Fire Chief Stephen H. Bradbury III said firefighters and hazmat teams on Friday removed chemicals from the plant, including about 48 barrels of acetone, methanol, and isopropyl alcohol.

"This is meticulous work, but this is why we have such highly-trained professionals available to assist," he said.

The worker killed in the explosion was identified as Jack O'Keefe, 62, of Methuen, according to Essex District Attorney Paul F. Tucker's office. He was one of five workers inside the plant around 12:45 a.m. when the catastrophic explosion took place.

The state medical examiner's office will conduct an autopsy. Tucker's office will investigate the death, officials said.

Four other workers who were also inside the plant were treated and released from a local hospital Thursday, officials said.

It marked the third time in three years that an explosion or fire had occurred at the Newburyport facility, which workplace safety and environmental regulators have cited for infractions on repeated occasions.

At a press briefing Friday near the plant, Newburyport Fire Acting Deputy Chief Barry Salt said the focus of firefighters on Thursday — once the fire was knocked down — was to recover O'Keefe's body "and return him to his family."

"We'd like to recall his memory and let the family

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BU's choice of speaker called 'slap in the face'

Amid writers' strike, Warner Bros. CEO chosen for commencement address

By Sonel Cutler
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Felipe Torres Medina opened Twitter Thursday morning to an announcement from Boston University, his alma mater, that he called a horrifying "slap in the face."

Since Tuesday morning, Torres Medina has joined thousands of fellow film and television writers represented by the Writers Guild of America striking across the country. Now, he read, the school where he earned his 2015 master's degree in screenwriting had selected David Zaslav — president and CEO of Warner Bros. Discovery and the very man he had spent dozens of hours protesting — as its 2023 commencement speaker.

"It's horrifying," Torres Medina said. "I think it's just a very 'read the room' moment for BU."

More than 11,000 members of the Writers Guild of America, or WGA, left writers rooms from New York to Los Angeles this week, the first Hollywood strike in 15 years. Writers are protesting for better pay and job security, among other demands, and have yet to engage in talks with the trade association representing studios and productions companies.

In an e-mail statement to the Globe, Jason Gordon, director of communications for the Writers Guild of America, East, expressed "deep disappointment with the University over its poor decision" to provide Zaslav a platform.

"Boston University should not give voice to someone who wants to destroy their students' ability to build a career in the film and television industry," Gordon wrote. "The University should expect students, Writers Guild members, as well as other unions and community groups to picket Zaslav's commencement address."

Protestors argue Zaslav, who claimed almost $250 million in "excess pay" in 2022, epitomizes Hollywood's vast pay disparity between writers and executives, who, Torres Medina said, are "gutting shows, gutting streaming services,

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'It's remarkable that 20 years after it collapsed, the Old Man of the Mountain is still bringing people together.'

MATTHEW MACLAY, *created interactive 3-D visualization of the New Hampshire icon*

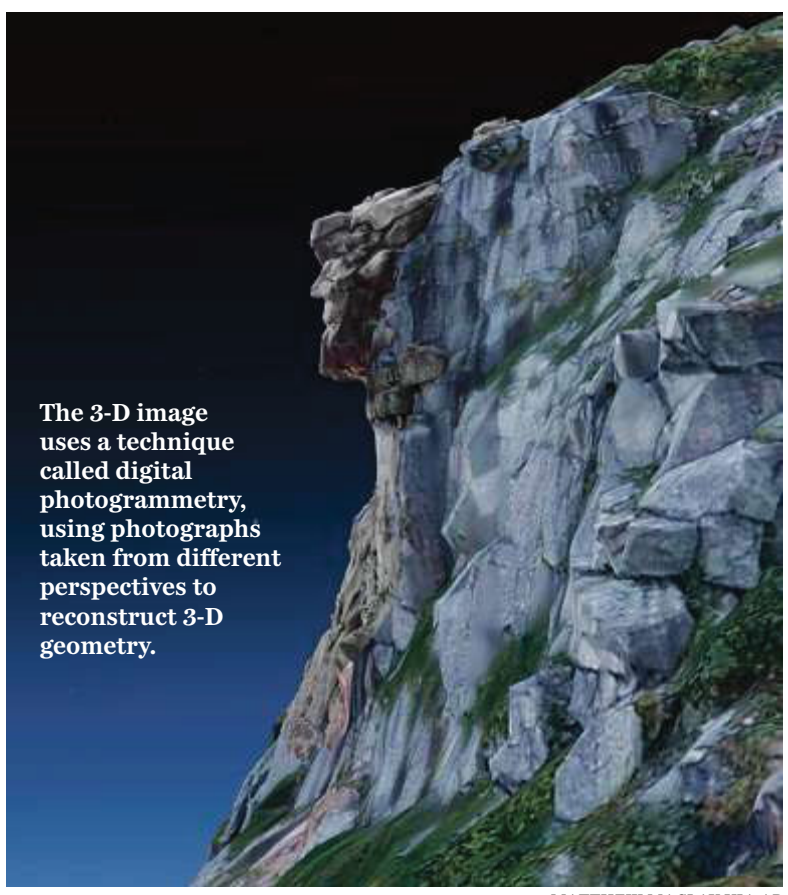
A new way to see the Old Man of the Mountain

By Amanda Gokee
GLOBE STAFF

CONCORD, N.H. — Presiding over New Hampshire from its perch high on Cannon Mountain in Franconia Notch State Park, the Old Man of the Mountain was an iconic New Hampshire landmark that crumbled on May 3, 2003.

Also known as the great "Stone Face" by the Abenaki, it remains an important state emblem 20 years later, though its rugged profile has drastically changed. Now, it's immortalized in a 3-D visualization depicting perspectives of the old granite formation that haven't been seen before.

Matthew Maclay created the interactive model as a part of his graduate studies in earth sciences at Dartmouth College. He employed a technique called digital photogrammetry, using photographs taken from different perspectives to reconstruct 3D geometry.



The 3-D image uses a technique called digital photogrammetry, using photographs taken from different perspectives to reconstruct 3-D geometry.

MATTHEW MACLAY VIA AP

"It's remarkable that 20 years after it collapsed, the Old Man of the Mountain is still bringing people together," Maclay said. "He's such an icon and such an important symbol to so many people."

The distinctive formation was actually a series of five granite cliff ledges on Cannon Mountain in Franconia, N.H. Maclay began his research hoping to better understand "bedrock weathering," how rocks and minerals break down and eventually lead to rock fall. He wanted to see if researchers could predict what parts of the cliff were especially susceptible to rock fall and why. He also wanted to know how climate change is impacting this natural process, which remains an open question at this stage in his research.

Cannon Mountain was perfect for Maclay's research: a dynamic environment where the climate is visibly impacting the landscape's evolution. The cliff area is about one mile long and 1,000 feet tall. Maclay said it was likely the place in the White Mountains with the

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School officer handcuffed 9-year-old having crisis

Family wants answers from Walpole schools, police

By Adria Watson
GLOBE STAFF

A Walpole family is seeking answers from the local school district and police department after a 9-year-old Black student with special needs was allegedly handcuffed while having a mental health crisis during class.

Lawyers for Civil Rights, a Boston-based legal aid group representing the family, sent letters on Thursday addressed to Walpole Public Schools and the Walpole Police Department demanding an apology to the family, and proof of restraint training related to students with special needs for school resource officers. The letters also requested that Walpole officials meet with the family to discuss what happened.

Erika Richmond, an attorney with Lawyers for Civil Rights, told the Globe in an interview that the student was having a mental health crisis in his third-grade class. Yet, instead of following the positive reinforcement protocol laid out in his individualized education plan to regulate his behavior, staff called in a school resource officer. The incident, which happened in January, was first reported by WBUR Thursday.

The resource officer, a sworn-in Walpole police officer assigned to schools, tried to verbally deescalate the situation, according to Richmond, but when that attempt failed to calm the student down the officer called for backup.

Richmond added that the student, who has attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, post-traumatic

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Harvard bombing hoax
A federal judge agreed Friday to set bail conditions for a New Hampshire man who claims he was duped into planting a fake bomb at Harvard University. **B2**

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CELEBRATING CINCO DE MAYO

Two-year-old Victor Olkowski (above) waved a Mexican flag while attending a Cinco de Mayo celebration with his family at Downtown Crossing on Friday. At right: Performer Zaira Meneses, (right) invited audience members Feng Ge and her daughter, Emily Guo, onstage for a dance lesson.

Prosecution unsure Harvard extortion suspect 'acted alone'

By Shelley Murphy, John R. Ellement, and Travis Andersen
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A federal judge agreed Friday to set bail conditions for a New Hampshire man who claims he was duped into planting a fake bomb at Harvard University as part of an elaborate scheme to extort bitcoin payment from the school.

During a hearing in US District Court in Boston, a prosecutor said it was unclear whether William A. Giordani was the alleged mastermind of the extortion plot or merely a pawn, but the government didn't oppose his release on bail — with mandated drug treatment — while the case is pending and investigators search for other suspects.

Giordani, 54, of Nashua, N.H., is charged with conspiracy and aiding and abetting extortionate threats. After his arrest last week, he told investigators that he answered a Craigslist ad from someone who claimed to be the father of a student and offered to pay him to leave a bag of fireworks at the Cambridge campus, according to court filings. He claimed that person repeatedly called Harvard University police and threatened to detonate three remotely controlled bombs on campus unless he received bitcoin payment.

On Friday, US Magistrate Judge Paul G. Levenson agreed to release Giordani on an unsecured bond with a number of conditions, including that he attend a substance abuse treatment program, stay away from Cambridge, and notify the court before traveling outside of New Hampshire. He was also ordered not to possess firearms, destructive devices, or fireworks.

Citing Giordani's lengthy history of addiction, Levenson urged him to take advantage of resources offered through the federal court system.

"I don't know what the bottom looks like for you," Levenson told Giordani from the bench, warning him about the severity of the criminal case he faces. "Find some way to clean up your life and deal with your issues. If ever there were a moment to assess where your life was headed this might be a pretty good one."

"Yes, your honor, thank you," said Giordani, who was dressed in a tan-colored uniform issued by the jail.

Giordani was not allowed to walk free from the federal courthouse. Instead, according to his lawyer, he was turned over to local authorities because there was an outstanding warrant for his arrest for failing to appear in state court for a hearing in an unrelated larceny case.

During Friday's federal court hearing, Assistant US Attorney John T. McNeil said Giordani allegedly placed a "hoax" device on the Harvard campus, which forced the area to be evacuated and led a police bomb squad to detonate the device.

McNeil said prosecutors "don't believe Mr. Giordani acted alone," and that investigators are looking for other suspects.

"Exactly what Mr. Giordani's role was ... from being the mastermind to someone who was deceived, let's just say that the dust hasn't settled on that and that's why the investigation is ongoing," McNeil said.

Jane Peachy, a lawyer for Giordani, said after the hearing that her client was not the mastermind of the alleged plot, and that he's committed to getting "clean and sober."

"He responded to the Craigslist ad," Peachy said. "It looks like he was duped."

On April 13, Harvard University police received seven telephone calls from a man who used a mechanical device to disguise his voice while warning that three bombs had been placed on campus and students would be killed if administrators did not meet his demands, according to an affidavit by a Harvard police officer assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force..

The caller demanded payment in bitcoin within 96 minutes, according to the affidavit, which did not specify how much money was requested.

The caller told police where to find one of the devices, which was detonated by police and turned out to be a tool bag with a metal safe inside containing fireworks and loose wiring, according to the affidavit filed in court. The area was evacuated. No other devices were found on campus and no one was injured, according to authorities.

According to the affidavit, surveillance footage reviewed by investigators allegedly showed Giordani had placed the tool bag containing the device on campus.

Two days earlier, someone claiming to be the father of a Harvard student posted an ad on Craigslist offering to pay $300 to deliver items to campus for the student, according to the affidavit. The telephone number included in the ad matched the number used by the caller who made the bomb threats.

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Man files suit over MBTA escalator malfunction

Nine were sent to hospital after 2021 accident

By Travis Andersen
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A Los Angeles man who was severely injured in a 2021 escalator malfunction at the MBTA's Back Bay Station filed a negligence lawsuit against the agency and a contractor on Wednesday, alleging the parties "failed horribly" in maintaining the equipment.

Lawyers for Omar Dreidi, 34, filed the nine-page civil complaint in Suffolk Superior Court. Dreidi is seeking at least $180,000 in monetary damages, court papers show. His suit names the MBTA and Kone Inc., the escalator contractor, as defendants.

An MBTA spokesperson said Thursday that the agency doesn't comment on pending litigation. Kone could not be reached for comment. The escalator malfunction sent dozens of patrons tumbling backward; nine people were taken to area hospitals.

Days after the malfunction, a Louisiana couple filed suit, saying they and their children needed in-patient treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital and faced the prospect of extensive, costly rehabilitation. That lawsuit remains pending.

"Safety is KONE's top priority and our thoughts go out to those who were injured," Kone said at the time.

Dreidi sustained multiple injuries during the accident, including "a number of bruises and abrasions during the fall, including, without limitation, to his hip, lower back, and both knees."

According to Dreidi's civil complaint, a CT scan showed that he sustained a "high-grade injury to the anterior tibiofibular ligament with fragmentation of the anterior aspect of the distal fibula," and "continues to experience enduring pain and discomfort in his left ankle and lower back area."

The lawsuit stated that "both the MBTA and Kone and its parents, subsidiaries, divisions and related entities, had a duty to service, test, and maintain the Escalator at the Back Bay Station in a safe condition and in compliance with all applicable codes and regulations."

That didn't happen, according to the complaint.

"The defendants, individually and/or collectively failed horribly with serious consequence for which they are jointly and severally liable," the filing said.

WCVB-TV previously reported on his lawsuit.

Jason Adkins, a lawyer for Dreidi, said Thursday that his client is a sports agent who has been unable to exercise since the escalator malfunction, which is limiting his ability to interact with athletes.

"It's a nightmare to even think about," Adkins said of the malfunction, which he described as "really horrific."

Material from prior Globe stories was used in this report. Travis Andersen can be reached at travis.andersen@globe.com.

This day in history

Today is Saturday, May 6, the 126th day of 2023. There are 239 days left in the year.

►Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Willie Mays is 92. Senator Richard Shelby, Republican of Alabama, is 89. Rock singer Bob Seger is 78. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 78. Gospel singer-comedian Lulu Roman is 77. Actor Alan Dale is 76. Actor Richard Cox is 75. Actor Gregg Henry is 71. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 70. TV personality Tom Bergeron is 68. Actor Roma Downey is 63. Rock singer John Flansburgh (They Might Be Giants) is 63. Actor Julianne Phillips is 63. Actor-director George Clooney is 62. Actor Clay O'Brien is 62. Rock singer-musician Tony Scalzo (Fastball) is 59. Actor Leslie Hope is 58. Actor Geneva Carr (TV: "Bull") is 57. Rock musician Mark Bryan (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 56. Rock musician Chris Shiflett (Foo Fighters) is 52. Rapper Meek Mill is 36. Houston Astros infielder Jose Altuve is 33.

►In 1882, President Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese immigrants from the US for 10 years (Arthur had opposed an earlier version with a 20-year ban).

►In 1910, Britain's Edwardian era ended with the death of King Edward VII; he was succeeded by George V.

►In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating under an executive order signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

►In 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg caught fire and crashed while attempting to dock at Lakehurst, N.J.; 35 of the 97 people on board were killed along with a crewman on the ground.

►In 1941, Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov. Comedian Bob Hope did his first USO show before an audience of servicemen as he broadcast his radio program from March Field in Riverside, Calif.

►In 1942, during World War II, some 15,000 American and Filipino troops on Corregidor island surrendered to Japanese forces.

►In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.

►In 1994, former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones filed suit against President Clinton, alleging he'd sexually harassed her in 1991. (Jones reached a settlement with Clinton in November 1998.)

►In 2004, President George W. Bush apologized for the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by American soldiers, calling it "a stain on our country's honor"; he rejected calls for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation.

►In 2006, Lillian Gertrud Asplund, the last American survivor of the sinking of the Titanic, died in Shrewsbury, Mass., at age 99.

►In 2010, a computerized sell order triggered a "flash crash" on Wall Street, sending the Dow Jones industrials to a loss of nearly 1,000 points in less than half an hour.

►In 2013, kidnap-rape victims Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus, and Michelle Knight, who went missing separately about a decade earlier while in their teens or early 20s, were rescued from a house just south of downtown Cleveland. (Their captor, Ariel Castro, hanged himself in prison in September 2013 at the beginning of a life sentence plus 1,000 years.) Grammy-winning singer Lauryn Hill was sentenced by a federal judge in Newark, N.J., to three months in prison for failing to pay about $1 million in taxes over the previous decade. Italian statesman Giulio Andreotti, 94, died in Rome.

►In 2018, the number of homes destroyed by Hawaii's Kilauea volcano reached 26, as scientists reported lava spewing more than 200 feet into the air. Lebanon's Iranian-backed Hezbollah group scored major gains in parliamentary elections, as the main Western-backed faction headed by Prime Minister Saad Hariri lost a third of its seats. Actor Ashley Judd sued disgraced producer Harvey Weinstein, alleging sexual harassment and defamation.

►In 2020, New York City began shutting down its subway system overnight to allow for additional cleaning and disinfecting of cars and stations amid the pandemic. President Trump reversed course on plans to wind down his COVID-19 task force; he said the force would shift its focus toward rebooting the economy and developing a vaccine.

►Last year, the United Nations raced to rescue more civilians from the tunnels under a besieged steel plant in Mariupol and the city at large, even as fighters holed up at the sprawling complex made their last stand to prevent Moscow's complete takeover of the strategic port. In Cuba, a powerful explosion apparently caused by a natural gas leak killed at least nine people and injured 40 when it blew away outer walls from a luxury hotel in the heart of Havana. No tourists were staying at the 96-room Hotel Saratoga because it was undergoing renovations. It was revealed that America's employers added 428,000 jobs in the previous month, extending a streak of solid hiring that defied punishing inflation, chronic supply shortages, the Russian war against Ukraine.

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Lottery

FRIDAY MIDDAY 0932
Payoffs *(based on a $1 bet)*

EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	$5,643
First or last 3	$790
Any 2 digits	$68
Any 1 digit	$7

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	$235
First 3	$132
Last 3	$132

FRIDAY NIGHT 5939
Payoffs *(based on a $1 bet)*

EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	$4.334
First or last 3	$607
Any 2 digits	$52
Any 1 digit	$5

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	$361
First 3	$101
Last 3	$202

LUCKY FOR LIFE
May 4 **8-9-13-19-43**
Lucky Ball **17**
Jackpot: $1,000 per day

MASS CASH
May 5 **8-14-22-29-32**
Jackpot: $100,000

MEGA MILLIONS
May 5 **16-18-28-42-43**
Megaball **11**, Megaplier **3**
Jackpot: $68,000,000

PREVIOUS DRAWINGS

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Thursday	7644	0248
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Tuesday	7263	2681
Monday	6825	4241
Sunday	1715	1753

FRIDAY NUMBERS AROUND NEW ENGLAND
Maine, N.H., Vermont
Day: 3-digit **236** 4-digit **8223**
Eve: 3-digit **791** 4-digit **4205**
Rhode Island **8634**

SHIP SHAPE

JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

A jogger went past the Cuauhtemoc, a tall ship from Mexico that was docked Friday at Fan Pier on the Boston waterfront. The training vessel of the Mexican Navy will be open to the public this weekend.

18-year sentence for school dean who was also gang leader

Harrison pleaded guilty to charges of racketeering

By Martin Finucane
GLOBE STAFF

A former dean at The English High School in Boston who led a double life as a Latin Kings gang member has been sentenced to more than 18 years in prison on racketeering charges, prosecutors said.

Shaun Harrison, 63, pleaded guilty last year to a charge of "conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity," commonly known as RICO conspiracy, the US attorney's office said.

Senior US District Judge Rya W. Zobel on Thursday sentenced Harrison to 218 months in prison, or 18 years and two months, with credit for 98 months' time served, plus three years of supervised release, prosecutors said.

"The level of betrayal and dishonesty exhibited here is astonishing. Harrison was in a position of trust, but was actually a dangerous predator. As the academic dean at a Boston Public high school he lured and manipulated teenagers into a criminal enterprise that specialized in street terrorism. Harrison was the architect of ruin for an entire generation of promising young lives," Massachusetts US Attorney Rachael S. Rollins said in a statement.

Harrison is already serving time in state prison after a 2018 conviction for attempting to kill a student at the school. Harrison was sentenced to up to 26 years in that case.

Prosecutors said Harrison, who was hired as dean in 2015, recruited students into the gang and directed them to sell marijuana and other drugs for him.

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Shaun O. Harrison, former English High School dean

Harrison came to believe that one of the students distributing drugs was withholding money from him, no longer wished to sell drugs, and might go to the police, prosecutors said. Harrison met up with the student on March 3, 2015, and shot him in the back of the head at point blank range. The student survived. The shooting was captured on a surveillance camera and Harrison was arrested soon afterward.

"Shaun Harrison led a double life – using his position as a high school dean to engage in violence and recruit at-risk youth into a violent criminal enterprise. Today's sentence ensures he will stay in prison and off our city streets for a significant period of time," Joseph R. Bonavolonta, special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston office, said in the statement.

Federal prosecutors said that after his state conviction, Harrison continued to contact Latin Kings members.

"The fact that Harrison continued to associate with Latin Kings members while in state prison ... shows a callous disregard for the law and the harm he caused," Rollins said.

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Campbell says Clarence Thomas should resign

By Alison Kuznitz
STATE HOUSE NEWS

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas should resign, Massachusett Attorney General Andrea Campbell said Friday, a day after The Washington Post reported that a conservative activist concealed hefty payments to Thomas's wife.

Campbell, in a radio interview, said she "probably" thought Thomas "should have resigned a long time ago," as she sounded alarm about Supreme Court decisions -- including about the environment, gun rights and abortion -- that she said "fly in the face of legal precedent."

"There have been concerns about the integrity and the credibility of the court for some time," Campbell said on GBH's Boston Public Radio. "I think you add these ethical issues and clear ethical violations by any legal standard in which we as elected officials -- including in Massachusetts, we have some very progressive laws when it comes to this -- have to operate by, I'm really concerned."

Leonard Leo, a longtime Federalist Society leader, had coordinated with GOP pollster Kellyanne Conway to bill a nonprofit group and send the tens of thousands of dollars to Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, while ensuring her name wouldn't appear on paperwork, according to The Post. The nonprofit later submitted an amicus brief to the Supreme Court on a voting rights case, and Justice Thomas's opinion aligned with the Judicial Education Project without mentioning the group, The Post reported.

Thomas has come under scrutiny recently over reports he went on luxury vacations for more than two decades, funded by a Republican donor who also paid tuition costs for the justice's great-nephew.

"Over the years and decades, he has revealed many things about his character and things that are completely flawed, and I think get in the way of objectivity and being a justice on the highest court of the land," Campbell said. "So I think we've seen enough."

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Investigators search for the cause of deadly explosion

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know that we as a fire department and as a city . . . are thinking of them," Salt said.

O'Keefe's family could not be reached Friday night.

Carol and Robert Ratcliffe of Methuen said they were longtime friends of O'Keefe, who grew up in Lawrence.

"He was a happy-go-lucky guy, always with a smile on his face," Carol Ratcliffe, 57, said in a phone interview Friday night. "Not a bad word about anyone came out of his mouth. We're all going to miss him."

Robert Ratcliffe, 68, said he first met O'Keefe about 15 years ago at a bar another friend owned in Lawrence. They quickly bonded over a shared love of the Patriots and other Boston sports teams.

"We hit it off," Robert Ratcliffe said. "We'd hang out at the tavern, watch sports together, and have our battles about who was going to win."

They said O'Keefe was a father of two grown children and he worked at the Newburyport plant for "many years."

"He was a dedicated worker," Robert Ratcliffe said. "He worked the night shift for a long time."

Firefighters recovered O'Keefe's body around 5:25 p.m. Thursday near where the explosion took place. The explosion was so powerful it blasted a heavy metal vat through the roof, sending it into the air before it landed some 30 feet from the building in the parking lot, officials have said.

Attention now turns to ensuring the factory is safe for investigators and the cleanup crew hired by PSI Synthesis, Salt said.

The explosion tore apart the production area in the back of the facility and sent debris as far as 800 feet away in three directions, Salt said. The blast also brought down the building's roof onto the 55-gallon drums holding chemicals that had been stored in a warehouse and on the production floor. Some of the drums had been pierced by falling debris or were buried under building materials, he said.

"It's still a big pile," he said.

Salt said there is no ongoing threat to neighbors and the community. The factory uses a variety of chemicals in its production process for generic medicines and other pharmaceutical materials.

"Since the event happened, and even prior to that, this facility had self-containment for spills. Everything's contained on site," Salt said. "There is no risk to the environment."

Air quality meters have been placed around the scene's perimeter and have shown no hazards in the air, officials said.

Once hazmat personnel determine the interior is safe, the site will be turned back over to PSI Synthesis to allow a cleanup company using heavy construction equipment to begin knocking down and removing the remnants of the heavily damaged building, Salt said.

The company has promised to cooperate with the investigation.

The fatal explosion was the third time since 2020 that Newburyport firefighters responded to an emergency at the factory, which is licensed by the fire department, the city, and the state.

"This event will determine their status to operate in the future," Salt said.

The city has already issued a cease and desist order while the investigation is underway, and Mayor Sean R. Reardon has said he considers public safety for residents and first responders to be of a higher priority than the continued operation of PSI and the jobs it provides to the region.

The plant is operated by PCI Systems, a unit of the France-based Seqens group that is involved in the production of generic drugs typically found in medicine cabinets, such as over-the-counter painkillers and antihistamines, according to the company's website. Its New England operations are headquartered in Newburyport and it also has a research and development laboratory in Devens.

"The safety of our employees has always been, and continues to be, our top priority," the company said in its statement. "We strive to follow best practices and regulatory guidelines, and have implemented safety protocols and procedures to prevent incidents like this from occurring."

The company did not immediately respond to Globe inquiries on Friday about O'Keefe and its plans going forward.

In 2021, the Newburyport plant used more than 100,000 pounds of toluene, methanol, and methylene chloride, according to Heather Tenney of the Toxics Use Reduction Institute at UMass Lowell. The company also used more than 10,000 pounds of acetone, ethyl acetate, hydrochloric acid, and sulfuric acid, she said. Toluene, methanol, acetone, and ethyl acetate are all flammable.

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Members of Phunk Phenomenon practiced at their dance studio in Everett.

What it's like to perform at a Celtics game

If you've been to TD Garden to see the Boston Celtics play, chances are you're familiar with the performers from Phunk Phenomenon, a high energy hip-hop dance company based in Everett that commands the parquet during timeouts and at halftime.

Lil Phunk, the official Junior Dance Team for the Celtics is there most often. But throughout the season, members of Phunk Phenomenon, the adult crew, also get their moment in the spotlight.

Because of the pandemic, many members of Phunk Phenomenon had yet to step foot inside TD Garden until midway through this season, which now finds the Celtics battling the Philadelphia 76ers in the NBA conference semifinals. For some of the performers it was their first time ever going to the Garden or seeing the Celtics play.

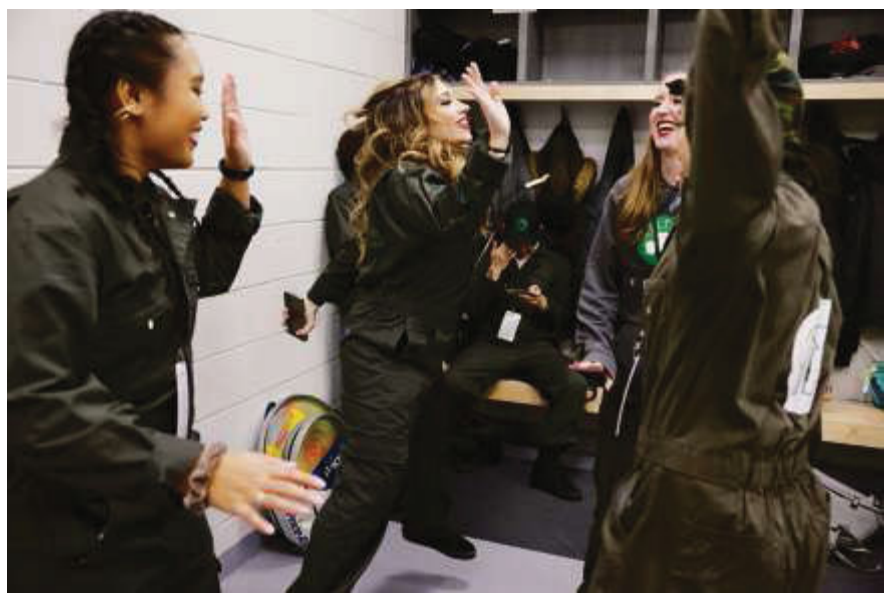
The Globe got a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to dance for the home crowd.

A few hours before game time, members of the troupe walked out onto the floor to get their first look at the court. Reia Briggs-Connor, the owner, director, and founder of Phunk Phenomenon, coached them through their positions — where they would need to stand to be seen by the crowd and caught by the cameras. The dancers also focused on the in's and out's of how much time they would have to get on and off the court to perform.

"I was just taking it all in," said Joseph Tolson, who joined the group in 2021 and was performing at a Celtics game for the first time. "Knowing that I was going to be on the court — it was just a different level."

— JESSICA RINALDI

Above: Vanessa Raymond (left) held a mirror as Daniella Ward did her makeup. Below from left: Phunk Phenomenon members Tina "Tea" Samburn, Vanessa Branco, Johnna Maloney, and Mifuyu Tsuji prepared for their performance during a Celtics' playoff game.



9-year-old handcuffed in Walpole classroom

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stress disorder, and delayed intelligence, also has a history of being afraid of police. So when the officers began to surround the student, he tried to leave the classroom — which was when he was placed in handcuffs.

Upon her arrival to the school, the student's mother saw her child restrained by his arms and legs and then taken to the local hospital in an ambulance, according to Richmond. The child was taken to the adult psychiatric ward for an evaluation, away from his mother until he was released, once the evaluation determined he was not a danger to himself and others.

The family is not speaking about the incident publicly to protect the privacy of their son.

Richmond said the incident raised several questions about school and police protocol, and said it shows the difference in how Black children are treated.

"Had this been a white child, he would have gotten compassion, understanding, his parents would have been called earlier, he might have been taken to the office," Richmond said. "But because this was a situation involving a Black child, a 9-year-old Black child, instead of getting the compassion he deserved and was his right, he was taken to an adult psychiatric ward and held in police custody."

In a statement, Walpole Police Chief Richard M. Kelleher confirmed that police responded in January to an incident at a town elementary school to assist staff with a student, but he said he "cannot comment further on the incident" to protect the privacy of the child involved.

"Also, I will not comment on any personnel matters involving Walpole Police Officers that responded to the school on the date in question," Kelleher said.

Walpole Public Schools Superintendent Bridget Gough said in a statement that she could not comment on the incident without parent permission, but that "the Walpole Schools are committed to the safety and education of all of our students, regardless of race or other protected characteristics."

The district and police statements did not address whether officials will meet with the family or otherwise respond to the Lawyers for Civil Rights letter.

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Creating a new way to see the Old Man of the Mountain

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most rockfall occurring.

When Maclay looked at the history of the rock formation, he learned that The Old Man of the Mountain had been an economic catalyst for the North Country for nearly 200 years. A Franconia surveying team noted it in their records around 1805, and Maclay found an 1876 guide book urging people to visit the remarkable feature immediately because it wouldn't be there long. "Even geologists back then were like, 'This thing is amazing and it's degrading,'" Maclay said.

He teamed up with Brian Fowler, an engineering geologist, scholar of the White Mountains and president of the Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund. Fowler has been studying Cannon Cliff for nearly 50 years, and the two were able to secure archival images of the Old Man. That was the spark for the 3D visualization part of the project.

Fowler said Maclay's research is an important contribution to the field. Fowler first saw the Old Man when he was a teenager, driving on old Route 3. In 1976 he returned to study it for what was then New Hampshire's Department of Public Works, now the Department of Transportation. They were trying to determine how to safely build I-93 without disrupting the rock formation.

Fowler was able to determine that a piece of granite roughly the size of a 4-foot-by-4-foot card table was responsible for holding up the Old Man. He knew it was delicate. When he reexamined the formation 10 years later in 1986, that formation had deteriorated significantly, which Fowler attributed to natural conditions, not highway construction. The biggest vibrations the Old Man was subject to came from warm summer winds. The second greatest disturbance was from thunderstorms, said Fowler. And third was sonic booms, which were still permitted in 1976.

"In my 50 years of mining, geology, and structural geology, I literally have never come across another natural geologic structure like that one," Fowler said of the Old Man. "It was absolutely remarkable, especially because it was completely natural."

When the Old Man fell in 2003, Fowler remembers people in the state meeting the news with shock. In the days that followed, votive candles and flowers were laid out in expressions of grief.

"Kind of like it would be if an important member of the family had passed," he said.

It hit Fowler on a personal level, too. "I knew the Old Man probably as intimately as anybody could," he said. He knew all of the cracks and lines in his face and had worked to keep the structure intact. "So I had a kind of paternal relationship with the Old Man."

In his scientific capacity, Fowler performed the "autopsy," determining that the Old Man had likely fallen after the granite bench holding it up for so many years had finally deteriorated and given way under its weight.

"I will always remember it as the most remarkable structure I ever saw," Fowler said. Preparing for the 20 year anniversary of the collapse has brought back feelings of grief he experienced when it first fell.

He believes the Old Man remains an important icon for the state because it represents something sublime: a timeless, enduring presence. It was a place where people could look at the natural environment and see themselves reflected back.

The Old Man was also commemorated through legislation. On Wednesday, Governor Chris Sununu signed a bill recognizing May 3 as Old Man of the Mountain Day.

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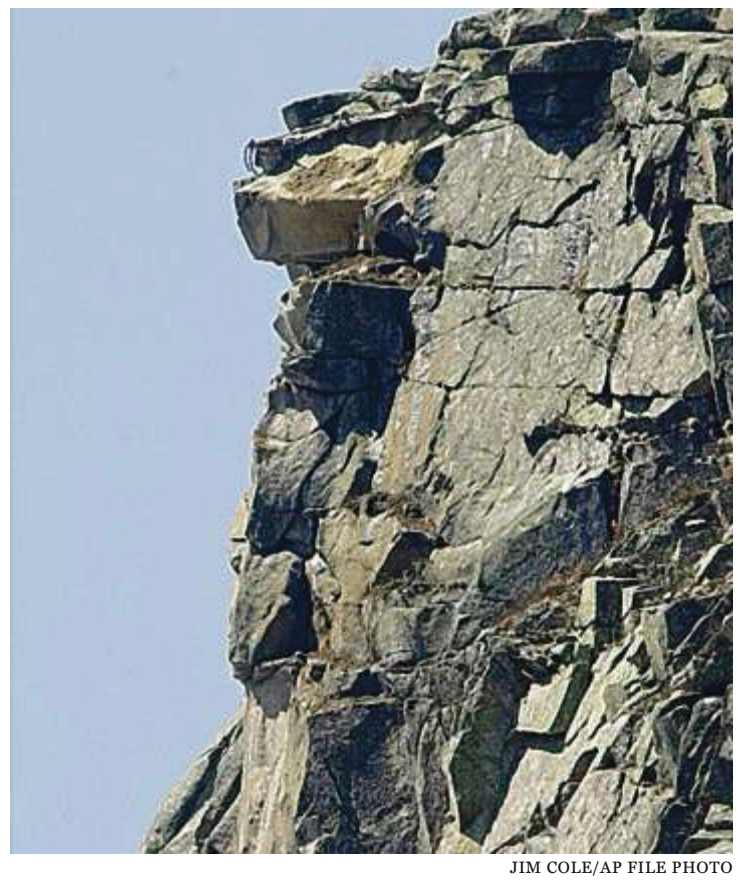

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The remaining rock formation after the Old Man of the Mountain collapsed in 2003.

WINCHESTER HOSPITAL

Tina LaTorella was lauded by co-workers and hospital president Al Campbell for her actions.

Off-duty nurse praised for alerting Winchester family to house fire

By Kate Armanini
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

It was a typical morning for Tina LaTorella on Thursday as she walked with her 8-year-old daughter along Harvard Street in Winchester on their way to school.

The neighborhood was tranquil and the air was cool. Nothing seemed amiss.

But then something broke the calm: The distinct sound of crackling and sizzling wood.

Farther up the street, LaTorella, a nurse at Winchester Hospital, spotted the source of the noise. In the distance, a three-story home was on fire. She immediately sprang into action, passing her daughter her cellphone to call for help and bolting across the street to alert anyone who might be inside.

Now, LaTorella is being honored by her hospital colleagues for thinking on her feet, and not hesitating to help alert a family that was inside at time.

"I ran to the house, banging on doors and screaming 'Fire!' and 'Call 911!' as loud as I could," said LaTorella, 45. "I didn't hesitate at all. I was definitely afraid. But I knew I had to do what I had to do."

As she yelled about the flames, LaTorella flagged down a passing truck driver who then joined her in pounding on the doors and windows of the home.

A few minutes later, a mother, her three young children, and their German shepherd staggered out of the house. LaTorella quickly guided the children across the street to safety and away from the burning structure.

"I was just comforting them," LaTorella said. "They were screaming, crying, shaking. I just kept telling them, 'You guys are safe. You're OK.'"

She stayed with the family as first responders arrived, trying to keep them calm as they watched their home burn. LaTorella even exchanged numbers with the mother and offered the family a place to stay.

Once the two-alarm blaze was contained, LaTorella went about the rest of her day. She dropped her daughter off at school and then headed straight to work.

"I really didn't think anything of it," LaTorella said. "Honestly, it was just what needed to be done. Anybody else would have done the same thing."

Her coworkers thought differently. When they learned about her good deed, Karen Keaney, the chief nursing officer, and Al Campbell, the hospital's president, called her to the lobby. They presented LaTorella with a bouquet of flowers as other nurses applauded.

"Tina has been with Winchester Hospital for 12 years and we are all very proud and humbled by her actions," Keaney said in a statement. "Her nursing astuteness, as well as her sensitivity to humanity, prompted her to go above and beyond to rescue this family."

Almost all of the family's belongings were destroyed in the fire, LaTorella said. A GoFundMe fund-raiser has been set up to help them.

"My daughter, for the first time, I think she knows why I'm a nurse," LaTorella said. "I want to help people . . . I'm just happy the family is safe."

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BU's pick for commencement speaker strikes some as ill-timed

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[and] pulling shows and movies from streaming services so that they don't have to pay residuals" at the expense of writers' salaries.

Tara Mullaney, a 20-year-old film and television student at BU, had been following the WGA strike very closely when she saw the announcement that Zaslav would speak at commencement. But Mullaney said the announcement doesn't surprise her, given BU's track record with unions.

"Our graduate assistants are trying to unionize, our RAs are trying to unionize, and BU has not been receptive to it at all," Mullaney said. "When they announced Zaslav as the speaker, everyone was kind of like, 'Oh, you really hate unions, huh?'"

On Twitter, the university's announcement hailing Zaslav's work overseeing "the launch of some of the fastest-growing networks in the US and the rise of popular channels" received hundreds of responses. Current students, graduating seniors, alumni, and others admonished the university for its failure to, as Torres Medina and many others put it, "read the room."

"It wasn't a good look for BU because of so many alumni they have on the picket line right now," Mullaney said. "They had this speaker for a while, [but] it's just very poor timing on their part."

Having spent the last week on the picket line and with no sign of a resolution in sight, Torres Medina called the WGA strike "a fundamental battle for the existence of writing as a career."

Torres Medina loved his time at BU, he said, and "wouldn't be here and have the career I have were it not for going to BU to study." But, he added, he found it "truly depressing" the school would select a multimillionaire to speak to graduates about their future endeavors.

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David Zaslav is CEO of Warner Bros., which is among the entertainment companies dealing with a strike by writers.

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>
> TARA MULLANEY, *film and television student at BU on the school's choice of speaker for commencement*

Many of the graduates Zaslav is set to address aspire to enter the film industry, where "workers who are making these shows happen don't get to share in the success," of CEOs and executives like him, Torres Medina said.

Boston University spokesperson Colin Riley referred all requests for comment to an article on the university's website announcing Zaslav as the commencement speaker.

"The reading of Zaslav's name received tepid applause from students in the ballroom," the article stated, acknowledging the writers strike and outbreak of student frustration on social media.

Xiaoyun Hu, a senior at BU graduating in two weeks with a combined degree in film and television and economics, worried that the university's controversial decision could negatively affect students' abilities to connect with alumni in her field.

"Having alumni working in the same industry as you is really really important," Hu said. "This connection is valuable, and now BU is destroying the value of this connection."

Speculation about how the student body will respond on commencement day is still circulating, according to Hu and Mullaney. Hu heard talk of students planning to walk out of the ceremony once Zaslav starts to speak. Mullaney recalled plans of booing the CEO as he steps onstage and suggested finding an alternative speaker, such as Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, who is set to receive an honorary degree at commencement.

"I don't see why it has to be him," Torres Medina said. "I don't have any control over that, but I don't think it's the right message to send to graduates at this moment."

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Visions for the future

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Alvin Ailey troupe pairs 'Revelations' with new works

By Karen Campbell
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's annual Boston visit has become a treasured cultural tradition, bringing with it dynamic dance and a whiff of spring. Each program's inclusion of Ailey's stirring "Revelations" is a reminder of the choreographer's humanity and ground-breaking legacy. Fueled by spirituals, the 1960 creation has been seen by more audiences around the world than any other modern dance work, yet it retains a heartfelt power that never gets old.

However, the company continues to forge ahead with new repertoire that shows artistic director Robert Battle is not just building on the past but leading toward the future. Thursday night's opening program, presented by Celebrity Series of Boston at the Wang Theatre, also featured two new works created for the Ailey company by Kyle Abraham and Jamar Roberts.

Abraham's "Are You in Your Feelings?" is a major new addition to the Ailey repertory. Abraham is one of the most important and influential choreographers working today, and this most recent work, his third created for the company, is a bona fide hit. It's a feel-good charmer laced with threads of social commentary and lots of heart, and the 12 dancers in Thursday night's performance embraced it like they were born to it. Scored to a mixtape of mostly soul, R&B, and hip-hop, "Are You in Your Feelings?" presents a vivid snapshot of Black culture and community, especially the fluctuations of group dynamics and romantic entanglements.

Onstage chatter and voice-overs provide some context to the good-natured posturing and flirtatious camaraderie — and a frisson of sexual tension. Rolling shoulders, swiveling hips, and sinuous torsos ride atop quicksilver footwork. Breathy suspensions dissolve into breezy turns. Two men suggest the push/pull of shadowed love, while a solitary woman (a spectacular Ashley Kaylynn Green) reclaims her independence. In one irresistible section, a fabulous septet of women turn saucy repetitive isolations into a riveting gestural tour-de-force.

The context for Jamar Roberts's "In a Sentimental Mood" (2022), given a striking, committed performance by Ghrai DeVore-Stokes and Chalvar Monteiro, is a bit murkier. Roberts, who danced with the company from 2002 to 2021 and was also its resident choreographer for three years, has created a dramatic, intimate portrait of a couple that is both tender and fraught. Seemingly recalling love and loss through hazy shifts of memory, it is full of connections made and broken, agitated reaches and deep lunges, with mercurial shifts of weight and direction. The fluctuation of music, from Duke Ellington to abstract electronic meanderings by Rafiq Bhatia, adds to the sense of fragmentation. But toward the end, there is a satisfying segment in which the two find themselves in unison. Bathed in red light, they find cohesion not in dancing with one another, but in moving side by side.

Paul Taylor's 1964 "Duet" offered a very different take on the male/female duet, its stock and trade clean shapes and long classical lines. Set to the music of Franz Joseph Haydn and graciously danced by Belén Indhira Pereyra and Patrick Coker, it was genteel and sweet, with endearing traces of humor — a hop skip here, a swoon and drag there, two arms connecting to form the shape of a heart. A soaring lift takes flight one moment, the next Pereyra drapes her body around Coker like a cape, her feet resting atop his as they walk together as one.

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Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater performs "Revelations" (top) and Kyle Abraham's "Are You in Your Feelings?" (above) at the Boch Center Wang Theatre in Boston. Left: Ghrai DeVore-Stokes and Chalvar Monteiro in Jamar Roberts's "In a Sentimental Mood."

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Shostakovich's musical home for conscience, revisited at a time of need

By Jeremy Eichler
GLOBE STAFF

"It seems to me," wrote Shostakovich to the poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko, "that a few words must be said about conscience. It has been forgotten but we should remember it. ... It must be offered a worthy place to live in human hearts."

The letter seems especially germane this week as the BSO performs Shostakovich's mighty Thirteenth Symphony against the backdrop of Russia's horrific war in Ukraine. It would seem a time when, to put it bluntly, conscience has once again been summarily forgotten. And while the human heart may be a *worthy* place for it to live, this week's intensely resonant program suggests that a far more robust and enduring repository for conscience can be the music itself.

Shostakovich wrote his Thirteenth in 1962 and, thanks to criticisms leveled by Yevtushenko through the five poems set in this score, it would become the composer's most overt symphonic indictment of his own society. The poems, one per movement, attack conformism in Soviet life; call out the disfiguring effects of living in a state of perpetual fear; celebrate the unsung roll of Soviet women as heroes of downtrodden everyday life; and praise humor as the last defense of the defenseless against those who wield arbitrary power.

It is the work's stirring first movement, however, that summons the loudest moral thunder, with its setting of Yevtushenko's "Babi Yar," an explosive poem from 1961 that baldly denounced Russian antisemitism in many forms. This included the country's refusal to permit memorialization at the site of the notorious massacre at Babi Yar (or in Ukrainian, Babyn Yar), in which, during the Nazi occupation of Kyiv in September 1941, over the course of two days, more than 33,000 Jews were shot into a ravine.

This history is not as distant as it may seem, and I mean this not only for the ways in which, as historians of Ukraine have observed, Russian President Vladimir Putin's own contemporary rhetoric echoes that of fascist aggressors past. This is history — and art — that inhabits a dimly lit zone at the edge of living memory. Valeria Vilker Kuchment, a BSO violinist performing onstage Thursday night, had a grandfather named Grigori Laskavyi who was murdered at Babi Yar. And my guest for the evening, Vyacheslav Uritsky, a recently retired BSO violinist, was evacuated as a child from nearby Zhytomyr and witnessed his father blinded by an injury sustained while fighting for the Red Army. Uritsky eventually became a member of the Moscow Philharmonic, with which he performed the world premiere of the Thirteenth Symphony in 1962. Watching carefully on Thursday from Balcony Left, he was deeply moved by the performance — as was I along with, it seemed, many in the hall.

In truth, this is not the easiest of Shostakovich's symphonies to love. Yevtushenko's courage in writing and publishing "Babi Yar" can only be praised, but it must also be said that the poems selected in this symphony overall have not aged well. It's hard to disagree with the assessment of the Russian director Grigori Kozintsev, who once contrasted Yevtushenko's "facile composition, graced with witty invention" with the depth of Shostakovich's music, which was "the fruit of suffering ... harnessed to historical tragedy."

At the orchestra's helm, the Latvian-born Andris Nelsons presided over a boldly drawn reading that was expansive in its sweep and gratifyingly detailed in its execution. The tenors and basses of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus were joined with those of the NEC Symphonic Choir to form a massed chorus that produced a powerful yet flexible sound.

Last month, in another clear echo from this music's past, the originally slated vocal soloist, the Russian bass Ildar Abdrazakov, withdrew from the performance, joining the ranks of performers with allegedly close ties to Putin who are for the moment stepping back from Western stages. He was replaced on Thursday by the sweet-toned German baritone Matthias Goerne, who began somewhat tentatively yet grew in confidence as the night progressed. And while Goerne remained buried in his score for all five movements, he ultimately delivered an affectingly dramatic performance.

The Thirteenth was paired here with Britten's Violin Concerto of 1938-39. Its inclusion on this program might have seemed justified on paper by the score's historical context (with links to the Spanish Civil War) or by the curiously profound friendship that developed between Britten and Shostakovich near the end of their lives, but in practice all of this background fell away before the incandescent playing of violin soloist Augustin Hadelich. It was a knockout performance that blended intellect and emotion, poised musicality and raw expressive fervor, and left you wondering why this work is so rarely programmed. His solo Bach encore felt singularly generous, and held the hall spellbound.

I'm tempted to summarize that this program made for a meaningful conclusion to the BSO's season — but to speak in terms of subscription seasons on this occasion seems to miss the point. This was a concert in which the music's proximity to both historical and contemporary suffering made it feel viscerally charged and vital. At the very end of the Thirteenth, Nelsons held the hall in a pristine, capacious silence that seemed to last an eternity. If it was, perhaps, a private moment of silence for Ukraine, it became a beautifully communal moment, one created by a composer's stentorian conscience, voiced for his own time, returning through his art to both chasten, and illuminate, ours.

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HILARY SCOTT

Baritone Matthias Goerne performs as vocal soloist in Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13 on Thursday night, with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and members of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and NEC Symphonic Chorus under the baton of music director Andris Nelsons.

MUSIC REVIEW

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Andris Nelsons, conductor
At Symphony Hall, Thursday (repeats Saturday)

CELTICS 114, 76ERS 102

No (double) 'i' in team

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The Celtics' Jaylen Brown was outnumbered by Georges Niang and James Harden but he managed to get up a shot in the second quarter and scored 23 points.

Celtics better together than Embiid, 76ers

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

PHILADELPHIA — When the 76ers stomped into TD Garden and wrestled away homecourt advantage of this second-round series with a surprising Game 1 win, it seemed that everyone in Boston was concerned except the Celtics themselves.

This core has won so many big road games in big moments over the years. And it has also mostly dominated the 76ers, regardless of venue. There was never a worry about doing it at least once more.

If the 76ers were to take advantage of their chance, Friday night figured to be their best shot. Before Game 3, NBA commissioner Adam Silver presented Philadelphia center Joel Embiid with the MVP trophy. The fans inside the Wells Fargo Center who harbored a real belief that this could still be a magical season were roaring and buzzing. Everything felt alive.

But then the Celtics poked the balloon with a needle, made their first five shots, and needed just a few minutes to take a 10-point lead. Even though that advantage was erased later in the quarter, it set the tone and ensured that this night would not turn into some raucous party.

The Celtics were not perfect

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DAN SHAUGHNESSY

Will Mazzulla relax with a series lead? No chance

PHILADELPHIA — The Celtics led almost from wire to wire and beat the Philadelphia 76ers, 114-102, in Game 3 of their conference semifinal Friday night at the Wells Fargo Center. Boston leads the series, 2-1, and has a great shot to get back to the Finals and maybe win the franchise's 18th banner.

"I think we managed the game well," coach Joe Mazzulla said after the win. " . . . It's the playoffs. We're playing against a great team . . . every possession is a round. Our only expectation is to be ahead at the end of the game."

Can the super-serious Celtics rookie coach Joe Mazzulla now relax?

No way.

Mazzulla is tightly wound. He is cut in the mold of Ralph Nader, Colonel Nathan Jessup, and . . . dare we say . . . Bill Belichick? Let's just say he's unlikely to get a call if NESN needs someone to replace Charlie Moore, the Mad Fisherman.

Boston's 34-year-old coach experienced something of a pleasure cruise in his first year on the bench. Green Teamers

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BARRY CHIN/GLOBE STAFF

Jayson Tatum took flight, soaring past the 76ers' De'Anthony Melton for 2 of his team-high 27 points in Game 3.

GARY WASHBURN

ON BASKETBALL

MVP got his due, then a motivated group took over

PHILADELPHIA — The Celtics were forced to pass time during the Joel Embiid pregame MVP party at Wells Fargo Center. The 76ers turned Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals into a mini-tribute as the NBA presented Embiid with his long-awaited award.

It was well-deserved. Embiid enjoyed a stellar season, the league's most dominant player. But that's where the kudos stopped for the Celtics. While Embiid was tearing up with his young son in his arms, the Celtics players were in the locker room anticipating the opportunity to take control of the series.

They were focused, understanding the galvanized Philadelphia crowd wanted the basketball version of blood after celebrating their hero. The ceremony and atmosphere did little to impact the Celtics' intensity or concentration.

"It didn't affect us, we were locked in," Al Horford said.

"We were locked in," Malcolm Brogdon said.

The Celtics weren't perfect Friday or as flawless as their Game 2 win, but they were the better team, staving off Philadelphia rallies until sending those once frenzied fans home with

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IN THE RUNNING — Forte, a cofavorite at 5-1, trains at Churchill Downs during Friday morning workouts in preparation for Saturday's Kentucky Derby. **C7**

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Alabama baseball scandal raises integrity concerns in Massachusetts. **C7**

Net gains
A stunning turnaround in boys' volleyball program at Acton-Boxborough. **Schools, C8**

Sale up to speed, Sox win 7th straight

By Peter Abraham
GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox 5
Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA — The biggest adjustment Chris Sale made against the Philadelphia Phillies on Friday night had nothing to do with how he threw any of his pitches.

The Red Sox lefthander had a three-run lead in the fourth inning and was working on a shutout when he misplayed a tapper to the right side of the mound off the bat of Bryce Harper.

Three more hits followed and Sale became more and more agitated as the Phillies tied the game. His famed temper was reaching its boiling point.

"The train was starting to get off the tracks a little bit. Emotions got high," Sale said.

The infielders came to the mound to give Sale a chance to regain his composure. Three quick outs followed and the Red Sox went on to a 5-3 victory, their seventh in a row.

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The Sox' Chris Sale allowed three runs and struck out 10 in six innings, beating the Phillies to improve his record to 3-2.

Sale (3-2) pitched six innings and allowed three runs on seven hits with 10 strikeouts.

The Phillies didn't come close to scoring against Sale after that surge in the fourth. He has allowed four earned runs on 10 hits over 12⅓ innings with one walk and 15 strikeouts in his last two starts.

After the game, Sale thanked catcher Connor Wong and the infielders for helping him pull it back together.

"Without them, I don't know what that would have looked like," Sale said. "I like to compete. I love it. It's what I really am passionate about. It's hard sometimes with everything that's gone on, sometimes I have a tough time unhitching the trailer with some of these emotions."

After Sale threw 98 pitches, Richard Bleier, Chris Martin, and Kenley Jansen finished off the game. It was the seventh save of the season for Jansen and the 398th of his career.

With two runners on and Harper on deck, Trea Turner struck out to end it as the

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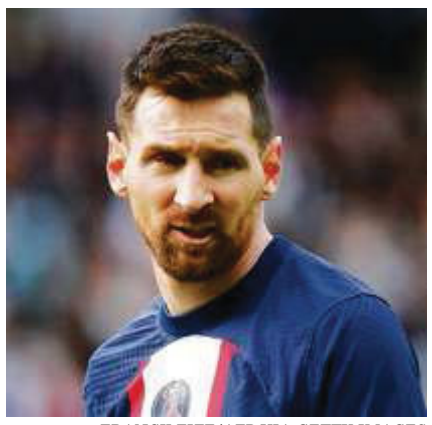

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Lionel Messi was suspended by PSG after missing Monday's practice.

Portland's Liu tosses no-hitter

Chih-Jung (CJ) Liu threw a seven-inning no-hitter for the Double A Portland Sea Dogs on Friday, in the first game of a doubleheader against the Akron RubberDucks in Ohio. Liu, a 24-year-old righthander, walked two and struck out six, throwing 91 pitches in the longest outing of his professional career. Signed as a free agent out of Taiwan for $750,000 in 2019, Liu is 3-1 with a 3.65 ERA this season for the Sea Dogs, with 29 strikeouts against 11 walks in 24⅔ innings. Portland won the opener, 8-0, before dropping the nightcap, 2-1 . . . In Triple A, Worcester defeated Buffalo, 14-2, at home behind two home runs and five RBIs from **Daniel Palka**.

SOCCER

Messi offers mea culpa

Lionel Messi apologized to Paris Saint-Germain and his teammates for going to Saudi Arabia on an unauthorized trip that resulted in his suspension. Messi, who missed practice Monday, said he thought the team had the day off. Messi is not expected to extend his contract, and there are only five games remaining. The club hasn't confirmed the length of the suspension, but French media reported it to be two weeks, which he would miss two games.

GOLF

Triple tie at Wells Fargo

Tyrrell Hatton shot a 6-under-par 65 to move into a share of the second-round lead at the Wells Fargo Championship. Hatton played the final four holes at Quail Hollow in 4 under to reach 8-under 134, matching **Nate Lashley** and **Wyndham Clark** through 36 holes. Several highly ranked players were close behind, including No. 5 **Xander Schauffele**, **Justin Thomas**, and **Adam Scott** at 7 under . . . The semifinal field is nearly set at the International Crown LPGA team event with one day of pool play to go as Sweden, Australia, and Thailand all clinched spots and the United States swept two matches to move to the verge of advancing at TPC Harding Park.

NFL

Colts release QB Foles

The Colts released veteran quarterback **Nick Foles**, saving about $2 million in salary cap space while creating room for 12 rookies, including Florida quarterback **Anthony Richardson** with the No. 4 overall pick. Foles, a Super Bowl MVP against the Patriots, lost both of his starts in 2022 . . . The Commanders released starting center **Chase Roullier**, whose career has been derailed by injuries. The team will save $8.37 million.

COLLEGES

Thorne picks Auburn

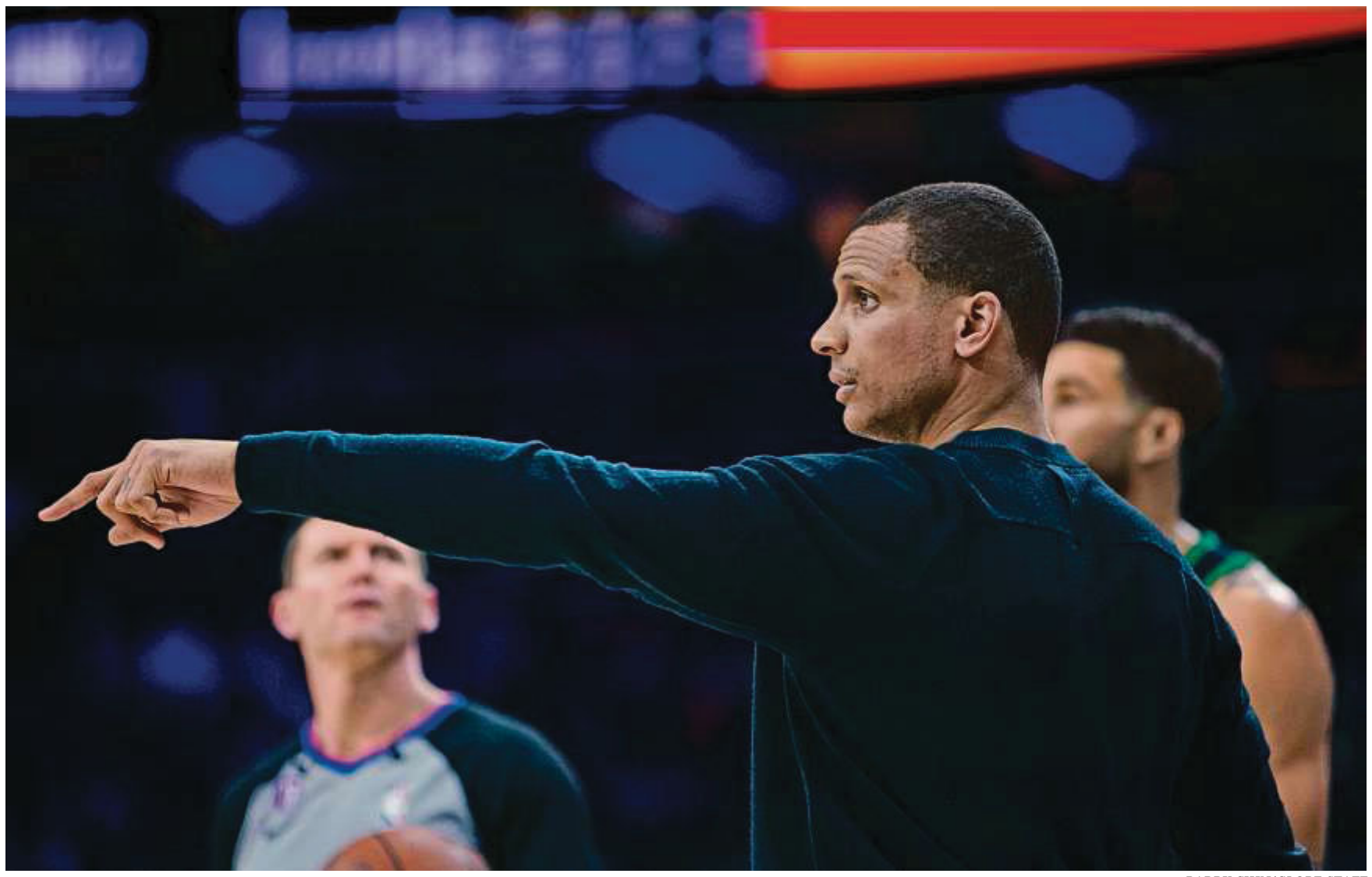
Former Michigan State quarterback **Payton Thorne** is headed to Auburn. Thorne, who has two years of eligibility left, went 16-10 as a starter and has thrown for 6,494 yards with 49 touchdowns against 24 interceptions . . . Second-team All-America forward **Aneesah Morrow** is joining national champion LSU. Morrow averaged 25.7 points and 12.2 rebounds last season for DePaul . . . South Carolina is adding junior college player of the year **Sakima Walker** . . . New Georgia Tech men's basketball coach and former Celtics assistant **Damon Stoudamire**'s staff includes former George Washington coach **Karl Hobbs** as top assistant, plus **Terry Parker, Jr.** and **Pershin Williams**.

MISCELLANY

Alvarez makes weight

Canelo Alvarez made weight for his fight against **John Ryder** on Saturday. The 32-year-old Alvarez registered 167.5 pounds while Ryder weighed in at 168. Alvarez is putting his undisputed world super middleweight crown on the line . . . **Rafael Nadal** won't play the Italian Open as he remains hampered by a nagging hip injury. Nadal has won the tournament a record 10 times.

NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS VS. 76ERS



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Coach Joe Mazzulla made a point about the Celtics' playoff chops by beating the 76ers in Philadelphia in Game 3 and taking a 2-1 series lead.

Smart snub source of frustration

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

PHILADELPHIA — Celtics coach **Joe Mazzulla's** interactions with the media during his first season have often oscillated between being awkward and testy. On Thursday evening, after a brief video conference with reporters, it appeared Mazzulla was once again frustrated with the line of questioning.

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"I'm the worst coach ever," he said after he stood up from his chair at the conclusion of the session.

But it turns out Mazzulla just had some regret about failing to recognize guard **Marcus Smart**. During the video conference, Mazzulla was asked about Smart winning the NBA's Hustle Award for the second year in a row. He realized then that he hadn't congratulated Smart for the honor.

"Someone here asked me about it and my eyes lit up. I was like, 'What an idiot,' " Mazzulla said Friday, before the Celtics beat the 76ers, 114-102, in Game 3 at the Wells Fargo Center. "As I was signing off, I was just like, 'Damn,' and then I texted him right away. That's important. I think in situations, I know it's about team and our guys know that, but I really love showing appreciation when guys get individual awards, especially like that one because of the sacrifice they put into it and the work that they have. So, if I do something like that, I do think I need to be better."

Earlier Friday, Smart said he was pleased to win the award, which is based on a player's advanced hustle statistics, for the second consecutive year and the third time overall.

"That's what I do," he said. "You know, coming into this league I prided myself on that and nine years in at the age of 29 I'm still doing it, and I'm still doing it very well, so it's a big-time award. I know it doesn't show up on the stat sheet, I know he doesn't get the recognition of scoring 30 points, but every team needs a guy like me who's going to come in and do the dirty work so **Jayson** [**Tatum**] and **Jaylen** [**Brown**] can go out there and do what they do best."

Horford reverts to form

Al Horford made 44.6 percent of his 3-point attempts during the regular season, ranking second in the NBA. But the Celtics forward entered Game 3 just 5 for 23 from beyond the arc over the previous five playoff contests.

Horford mostly shrugged off the mild downturn and insisted he was confident he'd get back to his prior form.

"Not much difference, really," he said. "I'm still getting good looks and I'll continue to shoot them. Even during the season, I went through ups and downs. That's just part of it when you're an elite shooter. You've got to get them up."

He got them up and they went down in Game 3. Horford made 5 of 7 3-pointers and finished with 17 points.

Griffin unavailable

Celtics forward **Blake Griffin** was inactive for Game 3 due to lower back pain. Griffin's only action of the postseason came in Game 5 of the first round against the Hawks, when he played six minutes . . . 76ers center **Joel Embiid** received his MVP trophy from NBA commissioner **Adam Silver** during a pregame ceremony.

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Celtics vs. 76ers

Boston leads series, 2-1
Monday, May 1
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Celtics better together again than Embiid, 76ers

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for the rest of the night, but they were calm and under control, and that was all that was required, as they led for the final 32 minutes and seized a balanced 114-102 win that gave them a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal.

Game 4 will be played at the same venue on Sunday, but it's hard to imagine these fans — some of whom booed their team off the court during the final seconds — will have the same energy as they did at the start Friday. And if they do, the Celtics will probably be unbothered.

"We're so locked in right now," guard Malcolm Brogdon said. "We're really connected and we're competing at an extremely high level. We're not really worried about anything else other than what we've got in this locker room. We're not letting anything distract us."

Embiid finished with 30 points, 13 rebounds, and 4 blocked shots to lead the 76ers, but constructing that stat line took an extreme amount of effort, as the Celtics sent waves of unique defenses at the big man throughout the game. They switched on screens, they trapped him with guards, they allowed smaller but just-as-tough Marcus Smart and Grant Williams to take their turns.

(At one point, Embiid inadvertently stepped on the back of Williams's head with all of his 280 pounds during the chase for a loose ball. Williams lived to talk about it, and even to return to the game.)

The Celtics praised Embiid before and after the game, stressing that he was a worthy MVP. But it is becoming increasingly apparent that he does not have enough help to get past this deeper and more talented Boston team.

After erupting for 45 points in Game 1, it appeared James Harden might be prepared to turn back the clock for a couple of weeks and give his team a chance. But now that performance appears to be an anomaly. He has been silenced during the 76ers' back-to-back losses, disrupted by Jaylen Brown's constant ball pressure.

On Friday, Harden scored 16 points on 3-for-14 shooting, with five turnovers. His second consecutive messy night appeared to affect his approach midway through the game, as he became reluctant to fire up open floaters even as the crowd audibly coaxed him to shoot. When a 76ers second-half run stalled with a few missed shots by Harden, he was booed.

"We're purposely making it hard on him," Brogdon said. "He came out in Game 1 and won them that game. He played terrific. We don't want him to play like that anymore. So we've got to be as specific as we can with him, force him into tough shots, make him uncomfortable, really, for 94 feet."

The Celtics' attack, meanwhile, was balanced. Jayson Tatum bounced back from his 1-for-7 night in Game 3 and scored 27 points, Brown added 23, and Al Horford had 17.

Most often this season, the Celtics' wins and losses have mirrored their successes and failures from long range. But they remained in control of this game despite shooting 35.6 percent from behind the arc while the 76ers connected on 43.2 percent of their tries.

Although the Celtics never led by more than 13 points, they were ahead for those final 32 minutes and did a good job of pushing back the 76ers' mild surges time and again.

"We definitely had some timely shots, and if those don't go in, maybe the game is a little closer," Brown said. "But big players make big shots."

A putback by Embiid with 3:55 left pulled the 76ers within 100-96 and brought the crowd to its feet.

But Boston grabbed opportune offensive rebounds all night, and after a Williams miss, the ball landed in the hands of Horford, whose 3-pointer from the top of the key made it 103-96. A Tatum baseline jumper, a 3-pointer, and two free throws helped Boston keep the 76ers at bay, and it held on for the win.

"We were locked in," Horford said. "We knew what we had to do."

Celtics 114, 76ers 102

EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS, GAME 3
Friday, May 5, 2023, at Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia

Boston

		TIME	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OREB	DREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	+/-	PTS
Jaylen Brown	F	34:01	8-18	0-4	7-7	2	5	7	5	1	1	4	5	+11	23
Jayson Tatum	F	42:37	10-20	3-11	4-5	2	8	10	5	1	2	4	3	+13	27
Al Horford	C	31:06	6-8	5-7	0-0	0	7	7	2	0	2	0	3	+13	17
Derrick White	G	32:28	4-9	2-5	3-3	1	5	6	2	0	0	1	1	+5	13
Marcus Smart	G	34:30	5-15	3-9	2-2	1	2	3	4	0	3	2	4	+18	15
Robert Williams		16:04	1-1	0-0	2-2	2	3	5	0	3	1	0	4	-1	4
Grant Williams		23:04	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	4	4	1	2	0	0	3	+1	0
Malcolm Brogdon		26:10	4-12	3-6	4-4	1	2	3	6	0	0	1	0	0	15
Totals			38-86	16-45	22-23	9	36	45	25	7	9	12	23		114
			44.2%	35.6%	95.7%			Team: 5				20 pts.			

Philadelphia

		TIME	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OREB	DREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	+/-	PTS
Tobias Harris	F	25:20	3-6	0-1	1-2	1	3	4	1	1	0	2	5	-18	7
P.J. Tucker	F	24:35	3-4	3-4	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2	2	-11	9
Joel Embiid	C	39:22	9-19	1-2	11-12	5	8	13	3	4	1	3	3	-8	30
Tyrese Maxey	G	40:07	4-16	3-9	2-2	0	6	6	2	2	0	0	2	-9	13
James Harden	G	40:49	3-14	2-7	8-9	0	6	6	11	0	1	5	4	-12	16
De'Anthony Melton		30:10	4-10	4-7	2-2	0	8	8	1	1	4	1	2	+1	14
Jalen McDaniels		11:26	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	+10	3
Georges Niang		19:14	4-7	2-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-9	10
Danuel House Jr.		0:19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Reed		8:38	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-4	0
Totals			31-78	16-37	24-27	9	33	42	21	8	7	13	20		102
			39.7%	43.2%	88.9%			Team: 7				15 pts.			

Technical fouls: Melton, 12:00/2nd.

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Boston	**28**	**29**	**31**	**26**	—	**114**
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Attendance: 21,290 (105% of 20,318). Time of game: 2:22. Officials: Scott Foster, Ben Taylor, Mark Lindsay.

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Marcus Smart (right) was fouled on this drive in the first quarter en route to his 15 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals in Game 3.

Can Mazzulla relax? No way

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rooted for him to succeed and there were no brush fires as the Celtics compiled the NBA's second-best record. Joey M finished third in voting for NBA coach of the year.

The playoffs have been a tougher test. Mazzulla's Celtics needed six games to eliminate the .500 Hawks, then collapsed at the end of Game 1 against the Sixers at the Garden last week.

Matched up against Atlanta's Quin Snyder, and now Philadelphia's Doc Rivers, Mazzulla has seen (and heard) the dark side. He's drawn heat on talk shows, social media, and in old-timey newspapers. He's been taken to task for not calling timeouts, not making adjustments, and poor late-game inbounds plays after timeouts.

He's got the better talent in this series and took responsibility for Boston's Game 1 loss, saying, "I have to be better at play calling, getting us into our spacing quicker. So it's a little bit on me . . . I didn't put them in position to win the game. So be better, and we will be better."

The public introspection didn't save him from being roundly roasted after the late-game meltdown. Clearly, Mazzulla heard the noise. After the Celtics thrashed Philly by 34 points in Game 2, Mazzulla ended his postgame presser with, "What, no one wants to ask about the adjustments we made from Game 1 to Game 2?"

It was a defensive, combative, weird walkoff.

The next day, Mazzulla submitted to a Zoom press conference, and mumbled, "I am the worst coach ever," as he left the podium.

Before Game 3, he explained that he was mad at himself Thursday when he failed to congratulate Marcus Smart for winning the NBA's Hustle Award. Mazzulla cares what his players think of him.

Everybody else? Maybe not so much.

"Some coaches court favor with the media and want allies," said longtime Celtics player and broadcaster Cedric Maxwell. "Joe does not give a [bleep] what you think of him. He is not going to try to be your friend. And I love that about him."

Rivers, who won a championship as boss of the Celtics in 2008, has been an NBA head coach for 24 seasons. He went 41-41 in his first season as head coach in Orlando and did not make the playoffs, then lost a first-round series to the Bucks in his second season. I asked him what was it like to be criticized in his first playoff series.

"I don't think I've ever been criticized," Rivers joked. "But, listen, we were an eighth seed [in 2001]. So we were the underdog. We were just fighting to stay alive. So that's a big difference [from what Mazzulla is experiencing].

"You go through it all year and then you go through it times 10 in the playoffs. By the time you get to the playoffs, I'd say most guys are ready for it. That's what you have to do to coach."

Do you try not to listen?

"You hear everything" Rivers said. "But you know you put in the preparation, all the work. And you have a lot of coaches. You've done what you need to do, so you don't worry about it much. You worry about what you have to worry about with the players.

"Joe has a lot more pressure than I had in my first year in the playoffs. He's taken a team that went to the Finals last year. He's doing a fantastic job. But like me and all coaches, we're going to be the guy that gets looked at when anything goes wrong.

"Joe has never experienced that, but that's just the way it is. But one thing I know about Joe, he knew that when he signed on. I guarantee it."

Mazzulla was in good spirits before Game 3, even waving off a Celtic PR person who'd declared that the press session was over.

Mazzulla was asked to reflect about his meteoric rise from anonymity to a possible spot in the NBA Finals.

"I'm here because of a lot of other people, what they did, what they accomplished and the sacrifice they made," he said, "and because of what the Celtics have done for me."

Then he smiled.

Seriously.

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MVP got his due, then motivated team took over

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crucial plays when it counted. The Celtics, furious after blowing Game 1, have turned themselves into the team they want to be.

The 114-102 win was the best team effort of the season. Jaylen Brown kept the Celtics ahead with big third-quarter buckets. Brogdon countered a big Philadelphia three with one of his own, and after an erratic offensive night, once-time MVP candidate Jayson Tatum scored 7 consecutive points during a 14-6 run.

It's not that the players feared a raucous road atmosphere; they relished the opportunity to play here. They seized the chance to show they could follow their blowout win with another strong performance, this time against a more productive and nimble Embiid.

"That's the fun part of the playoffs is playing on the road," Tatum said. "The environment was electric tonight. Embiid got his MVP trophy. You could feel the energy. Just being a competitor, you like being part of games like that."

Tatum may have been personally motivated. He said Friday morning he'd like to win an MVP, saying he's got at least a decade left in his career. But that individual award is a goal for Tatum, and he watched from the locker room as Embiid raised the trophy. That unquestionably served as motivation.

"It got me really ready to play," said Tatum, who led the Celtics with 27 points. "The energy from the crowd in the building. I'm happy for him. He earned it. He deserved it. But I was just focused on trying to win tonight."

There was anxiety in Boston when Embiid announced he was coming back from a knee injury after Philadelphia's stunning Game 1 win at TD Garden. There was concern that Embiid's presence, along with a vintage James Harden, would be too much for the Celtics to handle.

Instead, the players, with key adjustments from coach Joe Mazzulla, have retaken the momentum in this series with their relentlessness. They responded to every run, took the lead at the 8-minute-and-34-second mark of the second period and never gave it up.

Embiid had 30 points but never looked completely comfortable. Harden's performance (3-of-14 shooting for 16 points) was bizarre, as he passed up open shots, reluctantly attempted others and looked frazzled, despite playing in his 156th postseason game.

The Celtics thrived in this atmosphere. They carried over their defensive principles from Game 2, shutting down the paint and forcing the 76ers to rely on 3-point shooting to stay close. More than half their second-half field goals were threes.

But Embiid's impact, on his big night, was reduced to the emotion and gratitude he displayed pregame. The MVP did not play like an MVP.

"They did their job and won on our home court," guard Marcus Smart said. "We wanted to come back and give them one that they deserved. We had to get our lick back in a sense and tonight was no different. We were on a mission. They were coming out to celebrate the MVP and rightfully so and it was our job to come in and spoil that night for them."

The Celtics realized how pivotal Game 3 was. They knew Embiid would be better. They knew Philadelphia would be rocking.

They responded with pivotal plays, such as a Tatum rebound or an Al Horford 3-pointer or Grant Williams returning to the game after Embiid literally smashed his head with a size-17 foot during a scramble with 5:08 left in the fourth quarter.

A bloodied Williams returned shortly thereafter. Earlier, Robert Williams bruised his right forearm diving in front of the Celtics' bench to save a possession in the second half.

Friday required toughness and hustle plays and the Celtics outpointed the 76ers in that category. They were the tougher team. They were the more motivated team.

"They've been here before," Mazzulla said. "The way they communicate to each other is most important. You've got to know what you're going up against. It's them. They stick together. We're playing against a great team. Our expectation is just to win the game, weather storms and handle adversity. Every possession is a round and an opportunity."

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NBA NOTEBOOK

Thompson had hot hand for Warriors

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After yet another big basket, **Klay Thompson** scurried toward the fans sitting courtside opposite the Warriors bench and raised his arms in the air to ignite an entire arena behind him. It didn't take much the way his shots were falling.

He has been waiting his entire life to shine against his father's Los Angeles Lakers on the big stage.

Thompson scored 30 points with eight 3-pointers, Golden State limited **Anthony Davis** while allowing **LeBron James** 23 points, and the defending champion Warriors evened their Western Conference semifinal with the Lakers at one game apiece with a 127-100 win Thursday night in San Francisco.

"I was just trying to get the crowd going," Thompson said. "It's always fun when you shoot the ball well, it's even better when you couple that win a win."

Stephen Curry added 20 points and 12 assists as Splash Brother Thompson got hot to help Golden State make 21 more 3-pointers — giving the Warriors an NBA record for most in the first two games of a playoff series at 42. James' Cavaliers hit 40 against Atlanta in the 2016 second round.

"They made their adjustments. We knew they were going to do that, that's what a championship team does," James said. "They held serve on their home court tonight."

Thompson's basket with 7:48 left in the third gave Golden State its biggest lead at 82-64 and the Warriors rolled from there.

"Klay got it going and our defense was kind of fueling our offense," coach **Steve Kerr** said.

JaMychal Green matched his playoff career high with 15 points, while **Draymond Green** contributed 11 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists after insisting he had to get more aggressive.

The best-of-seven series shifts to Los Angeles for Game 3 on Saturday.

"It was hard for us to guard four shooters," Lakers forward **Rui Hachimura** said. "Defensively they were more aggressive I feel like.

"They had all the loose balls and the rebounds and everything."

Klay's day

Thompson shot 11 for 18 and 8 of 11 from deep in Game 2 for the Warriors. His 19 points in the first half were his most in a postseason contest since he scored 21 in Game 6 against the Rockets in 2019.

Thompson extended an NBA record in the process.

No other player has more than four playoff games with at least eight made 3-pointers. Thompson now has six.

Not surprisingly, the Warriors are 6-0 in those games where Thompson makes that many 3s.

Thompson's Golden State teammate **Stephen Curry** has four playoff games with at least eight made threes, as do **Damian Lillard** and **Ray Allen**.

Chris Paul, **Jamal Murray** and **Donovan Mitchell** each have two such games — and nobody else has more than one.

Coaching carousel

Nick Nurse, 2019 NBA champion with the Toronto Raptors. **Frank Vogel**, 2020 NBA champion with the Los Angeles Lakers. **Mike Budenholzer**, 2021 NBA champion with the Milwaukee Bucks.

All now fired by the teams they won those rings with.

Budenholzer was fired by the Bucks on Thursday, after leading his team to the best record in the NBA this season — but still falling to Miami in Round 1 of these playoffs. The only coaches who won a title and are still coaching the team that they won it with are Kerr, Miami's **Erik Spoelstra**, and San Antonio's **Gregg Popovich**.

Schedule, results

Eastern Conference

NEW YORK VS. MIAMI

Series tied at 1
Sunday, April 30
Miami 108.....at New York 101
Tuesday, May 2
At New York 111.....Miami 105
Schedule
Sat., May 6 at Miami.....3:30
Mon., May 8 at Miami.....7:30
Wed., May 10 at New York.....7:30
Fri., May 12 at Miami.....TBA
*Mon., May 15 at New York.....8

Western Conference

DENVER VS. PHOENIX

Nuggets lead series, 2-0
Saturday, April 29
At Denver 125.....Phoenix 107
Monday, May 1
At Denver 97.....Phoenix 87
Friday, May 5
Denver.....at Phoenix
Schedule
Sun., May 7 at Phoenix.....8
*Tue., May 9 at Denver.....TBA
*Thu., May 11 at Phoenix.....TBA
*Sun., May 14 at Denver.....TBA

GOLDEN STATE VS. LA LAKERS

Series tied at 1
Tuesday, May 2
LA Lakers 117...at Golden State 112
Thursday, May 4
At Golden State 127...LA Lakers 100
Schedule
Sat., May 6 at LA Lakers.....8:30
Mon., May 8 at LA Lakers.....10
Wed., May 10 at Golden State.....10
Fri., May 12 at LA Lakers.....TBA
*Sun., May 14 at Golden State..TBA

* If necessary

WARRIORS 127, LAKERS 100

Thursday night game

LA LAKERS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Vanderbilt	20	2-7	1-2	4-6	1	0	6
James	28	10-18	0-0	0-7	3	3	23
Davis	33	5-11	1-1	1-7	4	3	11
Reaves	25	3-11	0-0	0-4	2	1	7
Russell	28	5-12	0-0	1-1	8	1	10
Gabriel	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Beasley	12	1-4	0-0	0-1	0	1	2
Thompson	12	2-4	1-4	1-4	2	1	5
Walker IV	12	4-8	0-0	0-0	1	0	9
Schroder	19	0-3	4-4	1-3	2	3	4
Hachmura	22	8-14	1-2	1-5	0	1	21
Brown Jr.	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	0
Christie	9	0-1	2-4	0-1	0	0	2
Harrison	9	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
Totals		40-94	10-17	9-40	27	15	100

FG%: .426, FT%: .588. 3-pt. goals: 10-34, .294 (Vanderbilt 1-2, James 3-8, Reaves 1-5, Russell 0-3, Beasley 0-3, Walker IV 1-4, Schroder 0-1, Hachimura 4-6, Brown Jr. 0-1, Christie 0-1). Team rebounds: 9. Team turnovers: 9 (14 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Davis 3). Turnovers: 9 (Vanderbilt, Davis 4, Reaves 2, Schroder, Hachimura). Steals: 9 (James, Davis, Russell, Beasley, Walker IV, Schroder 2, Hachimura, Harrison). Technicals: , 2:50/2nd.

GOLDEN STATE

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Wiggins	30	3-8	3-4	2-4	4	2	11
J.Green	13	6-9	0-0	0-1	2	3	15
D.Green	28	5-10	1-4	2-11	9	3	11
Curry	30	7-12	3-3	0-4	12	3	20
Thompson	31	11-18	0-0	0-3	1	2	30
Poole	16	3-6	0-0	1-4	3	5	6
Moody	26	3-9	2-3	1-7	2	2	10
DiVincnzo	28	3-9	0-0	0-4	4	0	8
Looney	12	3-6	0-0	3-8	0	0	6
Payton II	9	3-3	1-2	3-5	0	1	7
Kuminga	10	1-4	0-0	1-2	1	1	3
Lamb	9	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Totals		48-95	10-16	13-55	38	23	127

FG%: .505, FT%: .625. 3-pt. goals: 21-42, .500 (Wiggins 2-4, J.Green 3-6, D.Green 0-1, Curry 3-5, Thompson 8-11, Poole 0-2, Moody 2-3, DiVincenzo 2-8, Kuminga 1-1, Lamb 0-1). Team rebounds: 10. Team turnovers: 16 (12 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Wiggins, Moody, DiVincenzo). Turnovers: 15 (Wiggins 2, J.Green, D.Green 2, Curry 3, Thompson, Poole, DiVincenzo 4, Payton II). Steals: 2 (D.Green, Curry).

LA Lakers	33	23	24	20	— 100
Golden State	26	41	43	17	— 127

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Devin Booker and the Suns needed a home win to not fall in a 3-0 hole against Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and the Nuggets.

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Once Jansen found groove, it was game over

By Peter Abraham
GLOBE STAFF

PHILADELPHIA — **Kenley Jansen**, who hadn't pitched since April 29 because of a sore lower back, needed a few pitches to get his rhythm back on Friday night.

But once he did it was game over.

With runners on first and second, Jansen struck out **Kyle Schwarber** and **Trea Turner** to preserve a 5-3 victory for the Red Sox against the Phillies.

Jansen acknowledged he was concerned about his back when he took the mound. But when **Edmundo Sosa** singled with one out and pinch hitter **Brandon Marsh** walked on five pitches, Janson regained his focus.

"That's when I started to trust it more," he said.

Jansen threw Schwarber a full-count slider that produced an awkward swing.

"He was so geeked up on that cutter. I knew if I threw that slider and kept it a strike as long as I could that would happen," Jansen said.

Turner went down on three pitches, all cutters.

Jansen now has 398 career saves, seventh all-time and one more than Philadelphia's **Craig Kimbrel**.

Jansen has been dominant in his first season with the Sox, allowing one run over 9⅔ innings and striking out 15.

Both pitchers are in their age-35 seasons after debuting in 2010. Their careers have been similar, too. Jansen has a 2.44 career earned run average, an 0.93 WHIP and 13.0 strikeouts per nine innings.

Kimbrel has a 2.42 ERA, an 0.99 WHIP and 14.3 strikeouts per nine.

"He had a little bit of a head start on me becoming a closer," Jansen said. "But I caught up."

Jansen has shown a better finishing kick to his career. He has a 3.03 ERA and 129 saves since 2019. Kimbrel has a 4.03 ERA and 64 saves over the same period.

Since helping the Red Sox win the 2018 World Series, Kimbrel has pitched for the Cubs, White Sox, Dodgers, and now the Phillies.

The Phillies have been using more of a closer-by-committee approach with lefty José Alvarado and Kimbrel getting opportunities.

With the Sox, Jansen is the choice to close out games whenever he's available.

"He's had a great career, we both have," Jansen said. "I give [Kimbrel] a lot of credit for lasting as long as he has. I know how hard that is."

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A spectator, who fell over a railing into the Red Sox bullpen in the first inning, was taken to a hospital.

Crawford to IL

After waffling for a day, the Sox decided to place righthander **Kutter Crawford** on the 10-day injured list with a left hamstring strain. He was injured in the ninth inning of Wednesday's game against Baltimore.

Righthander **Kaleb Ort** was recalled from Triple A Worcester.

"It just makes sense," Cora said. "He's going to be OK. I believe he'll be back for the San Diego series [which starts on May 19]."

Crawford would not have been available this weekend.

"It was the right thing," he said. "I should be ready in two weeks."

Garrett Whitlock, who is out with ulnar neuritis in his right elbow, did not travel with the team. He has started playing catch but is not yet ready to get back on the mound.

Lefthander **Joely Rodriguez** started his rehab assignment on Thursday, working a scoreless inning for Triple A Worcester against Buffalo.

The Sox will want to see Rodriguez pitch at least five or six innings and pitch on consecutive days before they consider adding him to the major league roster.

"He's getting close but not that close," Cora said.

Rodriguez strained an oblique muscle on his right side in spring training after being signed to a one-year, $2 million deal.

Alex Verdugo was out of the lineup for the second consecutive game because of a stomach bug. He pinch ran in the ninth inning and played one inning in right. He will return to the lineup Sarturday with **Masataka Yoshida** getting a day off.

Littell acquired

The Sox obtained 27-year-old righthander **Zack Littell** from Texas for cash considerations and assigned him to Triple A Worcester. Littell had a 2.25 ERA in eight relief appearances for Triple A Round Rock after being signed to a minor league contract. Littell had 145 games of major league experience from 2018-22 with the Twins and Giants, posting a 4.08 ERA . . . **James Paxton** allowed two runs on two hits and five walks in his sixth rehab appearance for Worcester. He has a 6.23 ERA in those games. Paxton's rehab stint runs through Tuesday, at which point the Sox will have to make a decision on whether to add him to the roster . . . Righthander **CJ Liu** threw a seven-inning no-hitter for Double A Portland in the first game of a doubleheader at Akron. He walked two, struck out six and threw 58 of 91 pitches for strikes. The Sea Dogs won the game, 8-0. Liu was signed in 2019 out of Taiwan . . . Righthander **Noah Song**, the pitcher the Phillies took from the Red Sox in the Rule 5 Draft, is at the team complex in Clearwater, Fla., rehabbing from a back injury. Song must be on the active roster for 90 days this season for the Phillies to retain him . . . The game was delayed for 10 minutes in the first inning when a spectator accidently fell from the concourse into the visitors bullpen trying to retrieve a baseball thrown to him. Medical personnel ran across the field in response and the man was taken off in a cart before going to a nearby hospital.

Red Sox relish Sale's solid effort

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crowd of 43,332 groaned.

They should be used to it. The Sox have won eight of their last 12 games at Citizens Bank Park. The defending National League champion Phillies have lost five straight to fall to 15-18.

The Sox came out swinging against Philadelphia starter Zack Wheeler.

Rafael Devers had a two-out RBI single in the first inning. Two more runs scored in the third, the first when Justin Turner grounded out with a runner on third and the second when Kiké Hernández singled with two outs.

Masataka Yoshida scored one of the runs after extending his hit streak to 15 games with a single.

Jarren Duran, who has a 1.116 OPS over 18 games, doubled and came around on a single by Hernández and a 401-foot sacrifice fly by Triston Casas. Rookie Enmanuel Valdez drove in Hernández with a single to right field.

Wheeler (3-2) allowed five runs, four earned, on seven hits.

"We put pressure on him," Sox manager Alex Cora said.

In his first appearance against the Phillies since 2017, Sale initially looked a lot like the pitcher he was that first season with the Sox.

He came out with high-end velocity in the first inning, hitting 98.6 miles per hour facing Harper, then striking him out swinging with a 97.5 mph pitch.

Sale had not reached 98.6 since Aug. 12, 2018. He reached 99 later in the game.

"The fastball is playing. Good sliders," Cora said. "Overall, what we expected and he's trending in the right direction."

Cora thought Sale would get his velocity close to triple digits over time as he built arm strength, but not this quickly.

"My expectations are pretty high," Sale said. "I've been kind of waiting for it, honestly. These are things I want to continue to do and continue to build and get deeper into games."

Beyond the statistics, Sale's improved command and velocity are a base to build on moving forward.

"He's feeling good," Cora said. "He wants to compete; he wants to dominate. Today was a great day for him."

The 20-14 Sox have scored 52 runs on 91 hits in their win streak. They have not won eight in a row since June 25-July 2, 2021.

"I like what I see," Jansen said.

"A lot of good things are happening with this team."

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Red Sox 5, Phillies 3

At Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Tapia rf-lf	5	2	1	0	0	1	.231
Yoshida lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.315
a-Verdugo pr-rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.315
JTurner dh	5	0	0	1	0	2	.275
Devers 3b	3	0	1	1	0	2	.242
Duran cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.406
Hernández ss	4	1	2	1	0	1	.244
Casas 1b	3	0	0	1	1	0	.154
Valdez 2b	3	0	2	1	0	0	.343
b-Arroyo ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Wong c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.268
Totals	**36**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**8**	

PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Schwarber lf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.183
TTurner ss	5	0	1	0	0	2	.257
Harper dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.364
Castellanos rf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.315
Realmuto c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.271
Bohm 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.270
Harrison 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.217
c-Stott ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.301
Sosa 3b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.296
Guthrie cf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.000
d-Marsh ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.326
Totals	**35**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**2**	**14**	

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a-ran for Yoshida in 9th, b-grounded out for Valdez in 8th, c-struck out for Harrison in 9th, d-walked for Guthrie in 9th. **E**—Devers (4), Schwarber (1). **LOB**—Boston 7, Philadelphia 8. **2B**—Duran (11), Castellanos (12). **3B**—Realmuto (3). **SB**—Valdez (3). **RISP**—Boston 4 for 13, Philadelphia 2 for 11.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sale W 3-2	6	7	3	3	1	10	98	6.37
Bleier	1	0	0	0	0	1	20	5.52
Martin	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.80
Jansen S 7	1	1	0	0	1	3	22	0.93

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wheeler L 3-2	5⅓	7	5	4	0	5	97	4.26
Brogdon	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	17	2.16
Soto	1	0	0	0	0	1	12	5.02
Vasquez	2	0	0	0	1	2	30	1.69

Inherited runners-scored—Brogdon 1-1. **HBP**—by Sale (Sosa), by Wheeler (Devers), by Vasquez (Yoshida). **Balk**—Vasquez. **WP**—Sale. **PB**—Wong. **Umpires**—Home, Doug Eddings; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Charlie Ramos; Third, Ramon De Jesus. **T**—2:51. **A**—43,322 (42,792).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

FIRST INNING

RED SOX — Tapia safe at second on fielding error by left fielder Schwarber. Yoshida grounded to first, Tapia to third. Turner struck out. Devers singled to right, Tapia scored. Duran flied to left.

THIRD INNING

RED SOX — Tapia singled to third. Yoshida singled to right, Tapia to third. Turner grounded to third, Tapia scored, Yoshida to second. Devers hit by a pitch. Duran reached on fielder's choice, second unassisted, Yoshida to third, Devers out. Hernández singled to left, Yoshida scored, Duran to second. Casas grounded to pitcher.

FOURTH INNING

PHILLIES — Harper singled to first. Castellanos doubled to left, Harper scored. Realmuto tripled to right, Castellanos scored. Bohm singled to right, Realmuto scored. On Sale's wild pitch, Bohm to second. Harrison grounded to third. Sosa struck out. Guthrie struck out.

SIXTH INNING

RED SOX — Duran doubled to center. Hernández singled to center, Duran to third. Casas flied to center, Duran scored, Hernández to second. Brogdon pitching. Valdez singled to right, Hernández scored. Valdez stole second. Wong flied to left. Tapia grounded to pitcher.

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Kenley Jansen got the heart pumping in the ninth, but he got out of a jam and picked up career save 398, seventh all time.

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Left fielder Masataka Yoshida went 1 for 4 with a run, in the third inning, which gave the Red Sox a 2-0 lead.

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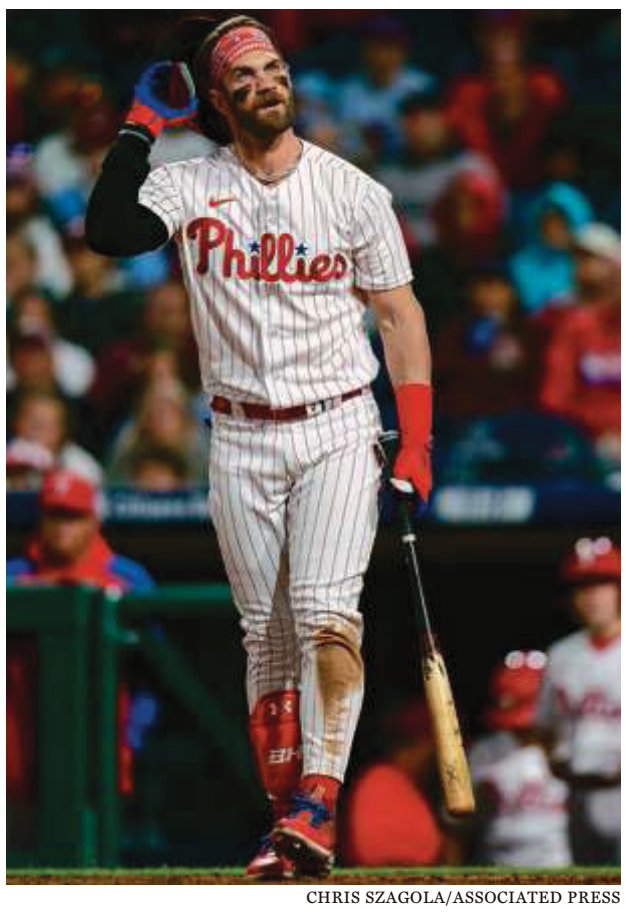

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Bryce Harper acknowledges a 25-second standing ovation in his return from Tommy John surgery.

AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Tampa Bay	27	6	.818	—	6-2	7-3	W 4
Baltimore	22	10	.688	4½	4-5	7-3	W 2
Boston	20	14	.588	7½	7-7	8-2	W 7
Toronto	19	14	.576	8	4-6	5-5	W 1
New York	17	16	.515	10	3-4	4-6	L 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Minnesota	19	14	.576	—	10-4	6-4	W 2
Detroit	14	17	.452	4	2-1	6-4	W 4
Cleveland	14	18	.438	4½	1-3	3-7	L 3
Chicago	11	22	.333	8	3-3	4-6	W 1
Kansas City	8	25	.242	11	1-6	3-7	L 2
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
*Texas	18	12	.600	—	4-2	5-5	L 1
*Los Angeles	18	14	.563	1	7-3	7-3	W 4
*Houston	16	15	.516	2½	1-2	5-5	L 2
*Seattle	15	16	.484	3½	4-2	5-5	W 4
Oakland	7	26	.212	12½	3-10	2-8	W 1

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	22	11	.667	—	10-3	7-3	L 1
New York	17	16	.515	5	7-6	3-7	W 1
Miami	16	17	.485	6	5-12	4-6	L 4
Philadelphia	15	18	.455	7	1-2	4-6	L 5
Washington	13	19	.406	8½	3-3	5-5	L 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Pittsburgh	20	13	.606	—	7-4	4-6	L 5
*Milwaukee	18	13	.581	1	4-2	3-7	L 4
Chicago	16	16	.500	3½	2-3	3-7	W 1
Cincinnati	13	19	.406	6½	3-6	6-4	L 2
St. Louis	10	23	.303	10	3-4	1-9	L 7
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
*Los Angeles	19	13	.594	—	7-6	8-2	W 6
Arizona	18	14	.563	1	9-8	6-4	W 2
*San Diego	17	15	.531	2	8-4	7-3	W 1
*San Francisco	13	17	.433	5	1-4	6-4	W 2
Colorado	12	21	.364	7½	3-6	6-4	L 1

* — Not including late game

RESULTS

FRIDAY

Boston 5	at Philadelphia 3	Oakland 12	at Kansas City 8
At Chi. Cubs 4	Miami 1	Detroit 5	at St. Louis 4
Toronto 4	at Pittsburgh 0	At Arizona 3	Washington 1
Chi. White Sox 5	at Cincinnati 4	Texas	at LA Angels
At Tampa Bay 5	NY Yankees 4	LA Dodgers	at San Diego
At NY Mets 1	Colorado 0	Houston	at Seattle
Minnesota 2	at Cleveland 0	Milwaukee	at San Francisco
Baltimore 9	at Atlanta 4		

THURSDAY

At Boston 11	Toronto 5	Baltimore 13	at Kansas City 10
At Washington 4	Chi. Cubs 3	Minn. 7 (12 inn.)	at Chi. White Sox 3
At Detroit 2	NY Mets 0	At Colorado 9	Milwaukee 6
At Tampa Bay 3	Pittsburgh 2	Seattle 5	at Oakland 3
LA Angels 11	at St. Louis 7	Atlanta 6	at Miami 3

SATURDAY'S GAMES

	Odds	2023 W-L	2023 ERA	Team rec.	2022 vs. opp W-L	2022 vs. opp IP	2022 vs. opp ERA	Last 3 starts W-L	Last 3 starts IP	Last 3 starts ERA
BOSTON AT PHILADELPHIA, 7:15 p.m.										
Kluber (R)	+120	1-4	6.44	2-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	16.1	6.06
Falter (L)	-140	0-5	5.01	1-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3	17.1	5.19
DETROIT AT ST. LOUIS, 2:15 p.m.										
Turnbull (R)	+170	1-4	6.84	2-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	13.1	4.73
Wainwright (R)	-200	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
MIAMI AT CHI. CUBS, 2:20 p.m.										
Hoeing (R)	Off	0-1	6.23	1-1	0-0	1.0	0.00	0-1	8.2	6.23
Smyly (L)	Off	3-1	2.83	4-2	1-0	6.2	0.00	2-0	19.2	1.37
COLORADO AT NY METS, 4:10 p.m.										
Gomber (L)	+190	2-4	7.57	2-4	0-1	7.0	2.57	2-1	13.0	6.92
Megill (R)	-235	3-1	4.11	4-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	14.2	6.14
NY YANKEES AT TAMPA BAY, 4:10 p.m.										
Germán (R)	+155	2-2	4.46	2-4	0-1	12.1	3.65	1-1	20.1	4.87
Rasmussen (R)	-185	3-2	3.66	3-3	1-0	6.0	0.00	1-1	14.2	4.91
MINNESOTA AT CLEVELAND, 6:10 p.m.										
Gray (R)	-120	4-0	0.77	5-1	1-1	17.1	4.67	2-0	18.0	1.00
Allen (L)	+100	1-1	2.45	1-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	11.0	2.45
TORONTO AT PITTSBURGH, 6:35 p.m.										
Berríos (R)	-145	2-3	5.29	2-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	19.1	3.26
Oviedo (R)	+125	2-2	4.78	3-3	0-0	3.0	0.00	1-1	13.2	7.90
CHI. WHITE SOX AT CINCINNATI, 6:40 p.m.										
Clevinger (R)	+100	2-2	4.60	3-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	13.0	7.62
Lodolo (L)	-120	2-1	6.16	3-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	13.2	11.20
OAKLAND AT KANSAS CITY, 7:10 p.m.										
Waldichuk (L)	+140	0-2	7.26	3-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	16.0	4.50
Singer (R)	-165	2-3	8.49	3-3	0-2	13.2	4.61	1-2	13.2	9.22
BALTIMORE AT ATLANTA, 7:15 p.m.										
Bradish (R)	+195	1-1	6.14	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	13.0	6.92
Strider (R)	-245	4-0	2.57	6-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	19.0	1.89
MILWAUKEE AT SAN FRANCISCO, 7:15 p.m.										
Rea (R)	+135	0-2	4.79	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	15.0	6.00
Cobb (R)	-160	1-1	2.43	3-3	0-0	7.1	0.00	1-0	19.0	1.89
WASHINGTON AT ARIZONA, 8:10 p.m.										
Gore (L)	+125	3-2	3.77	3-3	0-0	0.1	54.00	1-2	16.0	4.50
Henry (L)	-145	1-0	6.52	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	9.2	6.52
LA DODGERS AT SAN DIEGO, 8:40 p.m.										
May (R)	-105	3-1	3.15	3-3	0-1	10.0	8.10	2-0	16.0	5.06
Snell (L)	-115	1-4	5.28	1-5	0-1	14.0	3.86	1-2	16.0	3.94
TEXAS AT LA ANGELS, 9:07 p.m.										
Eovaldi (R)	+100	3-2	3.93	3-3	1-0	5.0	0.00	2-0	21.0	2.14
Detmers (L)	-120	0-2	4.85	2-3	1-1	26.0	5.19	0-2	16.1	4.41
HOUSTON AT SEATTLE, 9:40 p.m.										
France (R)	+100	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Gonzales (L)	-120	2-0	4.74	3-2	1-3	26.0	3.81	1-0	14.0	5.14

Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season

Harvey hangs up his cleats

Before drug ban, he led Mets to 2015 World Series

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Matt Harvey announced Friday he's retiring from baseball after a nine-year pitching career highlighted by his time as the Mets' "Dark Knight."

NOTEBOOK

Harvey, whose star faded amid injuries and a late-career suspension for drug distribution, thanked fans for making "a dream come true" in his Instagram post announcing his retirement.

Nicknamed the "Dark Knight of Gotham," Harvey was selected seventh overall by the Mets in the 2010 amateur draft and made a heralded major league debut in 2012. He started the 2013 All-Star Game at Citi Field, but a little more than a month later tore the ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching elbow and needed Tommy John surgery.

He returned in 2015 and went 13-8, helping the Mets reach the World Series, where they lost to the Kansas City Royals.

He was traded to the Reds in May 2018, pitched for the Angels in 2019, the Royals in 2020, and the Orioles in 2021. Health woes, including thoracic outlet syndrome, contributed to Harvey failing to recapture his early career magic. He has a 50-66 career record with a 4.42 ERA in nine major league seasons.

Last year, Harvey testified at the trial of a former Los Angeles Angels employee who was later convicted of providing pitcher **Tyler Skaggs** the drugs that led to his overdose death in July 2019.

Harvey was one of four players who admitted to receiving oxycodone pills from the ex-employee, **Eric Kay**, who was sentenced to 22 years in prison in October 2022. Harvey was suspended for 60 games in 2022 for distributing a prohibited drug of abuse, and he never made it back to the majors.

Judge works out, Yankees fall

Yankees slugger **Aaron Judge** worked out at the team's minor league complex in another step in his comeback from a right hip strain.

Speaking before New York's 5-4 loss at Tampa Bay, manager **Aaron Boone** said Judge hit indoors, ran, threw, and did defensive drills at the nearby Tampa facility. Judge is eligible to come off the 10-day injured list on Monday. He is set for another workout on Saturday, and Boone is hopeful Judge will return early next week.

Randy Arozarena homered in the first inning and then was hit by pitches in his next two plate appearances, leading to Tampa Bay manager **Kevin Cash** being ejected in the first meeting this season between the AL East rivals.

Lefthander **Carlos Rodón** is scheduled to get an injection for his ailing back early next week. Righthander **Luis Severino** (right lat strain) pitched in a minor league intrasquad game in Tampa.

Red-hot Orioles top Braves

Anthony Santander homered from both sides of the plate, including a grand slam, and **Cedric Mullins** also went deep as the Orioles won for the 14th time in 17 games, 9-4, over the Braves in Atlanta.

Dean Kremer allowed one run in six strong innings for the Orioles, who became the first team this season to go deep off Braves ace **Max Fried** (2-1), who had his 18-inning scoreless streak snapped.

Santander homered against Fried in the fourth to put Baltimore ahead to stay. Then he delivered his first career grand slam to turn what had been a tight game into a rout.

Blue Jays' Bassitt finds his groove

The settling-in process appears to be just about over for **Chris Bassitt**. The Toronto pitcher dominated the Pirates over seven strong innings as the Blue Jays rolled to a 4-0 victory to end a five-game losing streak.

Bassitt (4-2), signed to a three-year, $63-million contract in December, struck out five against four walks to win his third straight decision. Bassitt has surrendered four hits or less in each of his last five starts.

Houston loses García to injury

Houston starter **Luis García** needs Tommy John surgery and will miss the rest of the season, another major blow to the Astros' rotation.

The defending World Series champions announced García's status before Friday night's game in Seattle. The righthander was placed on the 15-day injured list this week. He left Monday's start against the Giants after eight pitches with elbow discomfort.

García's injury came the same day fellow righthander **Jose Urquidy** was placed on the IL with inflammation in his pitching shoulder. A date for García's surgery had not been set.

Iglesias returns for Atlanta

Atlanta bolstered its bullpen by activating righthander **Raisel Iglesias**, their projected closer, who was shut down in spring training with shoulder inflammation. **A.J. Minter** has been handling the closer duties, recording seven saves with a 7.47 ERA. The Braves placed infielder **Ehire Adrianza** on the 10-day injured list with right elbow inflammation. Shortstop **Braden Shewmake** was recalled to make his big-league debut . . . The Pirates placed righthander **Vince Velasquez** on the 15-day injured list with inflammation in his pitching elbow. Velasquez clutched at his right elbow as he departed in the third inning Thursday. The Pirates activated righthander **Chase De Jong** and outrighted infielder **Drew Maggi** to Double A.

BLUE JAYS 4, PIRATES 0

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Springer rf	5	1	1	2	0	0	.209
Bichette ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.329
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.318
Chapman 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.350
Kirk dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.240
Lukes pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Merrifield lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.301
Varsho cf	3	0	1	1	1	1	.224
Jansen c	4	0	0	0	0	3	.159
Espinal 2b	3	1	0	0	1	3	.180
Totals	**33**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**4**	**10**	

PITTSBURGH	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Bae 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.244
Delay c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.372
Reynolds lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.322
Santana 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.270
Suwinski cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.238
Andujar rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Castro 3b-2b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.276
Marcano ss	2	0	1	0	1	0	.256
Mathias dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.263
Hedges c	2	0	1	0	0	0	.149
Joe ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.280
Hayes 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.225
Totals	**28**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**4**	**7**	

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LOB—Toronto 6, Pittsburgh 5. **2B**—Bichette (7), Chapman (16), Merrifield (9), Varsho (6), Reynolds (12). **HR**—Springer (4), off Hill. **SB**—Merrifield 3 (7), Varsho (6), Bae (14). **CS**—Bae (2). **DP**—Pittsburgh 1.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bassitt W 4-2	7	4	0	0	4	5	4.28
Swanson	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.62
Romano	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.38

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hill L 3-3	5⅓	8	4	4	2	5	4.54
Moreta	1⅔	0	0	0	0	3	3.00
De Jong	1	0	0	0	2	0	7.36
Bednar	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.64

Inherited runners-scored—Moreta 2-0. **NP**—Bassitt 105, Swanson 11, Romano 9, Hill 89, Moreta 23, De Jong 21, Bednar 14. **Umpires**—Home, Clint Vondrak; First, Carlos Torres; Second, Jansen Visconti; Third, Cory Blaser. **T**—2:25. **A**—24,810 (38,747).

WHITE SOX 5, REDS 4

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Anderson ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.274
Benintendi lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Vaughn 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Jiménez dh	4	1	1	0	0	2	.258
Sheets rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Haseley rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Robert Jr. cf	4	1	3	2	0	0	.236
Grandal c	4	1	2	0	0	1	.263
Zavala c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.171
Alberto 3b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.167
Andrus 2b	1	1	1	3	2	0	.204
Totals	**33**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**2**	**10**	

CINCINNATI	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
India 2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.280
Friedl cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.318
Steer 1b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.241
Stephenson dh	4	1	1	0	0	3	.264
Fraley lf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.239
Ramos rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.273
Senzel 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.286
Newman ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.224
Maile c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Fairchild pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Casali c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.185
Totals	**33**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**1**	**12**	

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E—Grandal (1). **LOB**—Chi. White Sox 3, Cincinnati 3. **2B**—Friedl (5). **HR**—Robert Jr. (7), off Greene, Andrus (1), off Greene, India (2), off Lynn. **SB**—Andrus (5), Newman (1). **DP**—Chi. White Sox 2.

Chi. White Sox	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynn W 1-4	6⅔	8	4	4	0	8	6.86
Kelly	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3	6.00
López S 4	1	0	0	0	1	1	8.16

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greene L 0-2	5⅔	7	5	5	1	7	3.74
Sims	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Farmer	2	0	0	0	0	2	3.31

Inherited runners-scored—Kelly 1-0, Sims 1-0. **Balk**—Kelly. **NP**—Lynn 103, Kelly 13, López 12, Greene 102, Sims 17, Farmer 21. **Umpires**—Home, Brian Knight; First, Alex Tosi; Second, Tony Randazzo; Third, Todd Tichenor. **T**—2:30. **A**—23,467 (45,814).

RAYS 5, YANKEES 4

NY YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Volpe ss	5	0	2	0	0	0	.229
Rizzo 1b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.286
Torres 2b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.236
LeMahieu 3b	2	1	2	0	2	0	.275
Calhoun dh	2	0	0	0	1	1	.240
Higashka ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	.200
Bader cf	4	1	1	3	0	0	.182
Bauers lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.167
K-Falefa ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.193
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.235
Cabrera rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.188
Totals	**34**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**4**	**5**	

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Díaz 1b	4	2	1	1	0	1	.324
Franco ss	4	1	2	1	0	1	.304
Arozarena lf	2	1	1	1	0	0	.328
JoLowe rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.326
Ramírez dh	4	0	0	1	0	0	.321
Paredes 3b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.255
Walls 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.288
Mejía c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.212
Siri cf	1	0	0	1	1	1	.238
Totals	**29**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**2**	**5**	

NY Yankees 000 004 000 — 4 8 0
Tampa Bay 112 000 10x — 5 7 1

E—Mejía (2). **LOB**—NY Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 5. **2B**—Torres (5), Higashioka (1), Franco 2 (14), JoLowe (8), Mejía (4). **HR**—Bader (1), off Cleavinger, Díaz (9), off Brito, Arozarena (9), off Brito. **SB**—Volpe (11). **SF**—Siri. **DP**—NY Yankees 1; Tampa Bay 1.

NY Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brito	4	6	4	4	1	2	6.08
Abreu	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	4.60
Hamilton	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	1.50
JCordero L 1-1	⅓	1	1	1	1	0	3.09
King	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	1.42

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Chirinos	5⅓	3	3	3	4	0	1.86
Cleavinger BS 2	⅔	1	1	1	0	2	3.18
Kelly W 3-0	1⅓	2	0	0	0	1	3.44
Poche	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	1.50
Adam S 3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.35

Inherited runners-scored—King 1-0, Cleavinger 2-2, Poche 1-0. **HBP**—by Brito (Arozarena), by Abreu (Arozarena). **NP**—Brito 65, Abreu 25, Hamilton 10, JCordero 11, King 15, Chirinos 77, Cleavinger 13, Kelly 18, Poche 16, Adam 12. **Umpires**—Home, Dan Merzel; First, Lance Barksdale; Second, Will Little; Third, Ryan Additon. **T**—2:37. **A**—25,007 (25,025).

AL LEADERS

Through Thursday's games
BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Chapman, Tor	114	18	40	.351
Bichette, Tor	136	21	45	.331
Díaz, TB	104	25	34	.327
Arozarena, TB	117	23	38	.325
Mateo, Bal	84	23	27	.321
Guerrero Jr., Tor	128	23	41	.320
Yoshida, Bos	104	21	33	.317
Verdugo, Bos	130	26	41	.315
Ohtani, LAA	117	20	36	.308
Kelenic, Sea	102	14	31	.304
Dubón, Hou	109	20	33	.303
Rutschman, Bal	117	15	35	.299
Franco, TB	121	20	36	.298
Trout, LAA	115	23	34	.296
Heim, Tex	85	18	25	.294

METS 1, ROCKIES 0

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Blackmon dh	5	0	0	0	0	0	.268
Profar lf	2	0	0	0	2	2	.207
Bryant rf	2	0	0	0	2	0	.304
Cron 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.243
ElDíaz c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.337
Doyle pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.174
Wynns c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.154
McMahon 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.216
Grichuk cf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.500
Castro 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.240
Tovar ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Moustakas ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Totals	**30**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**6**	**7**	

NY METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Nimmo cf	3	1	2	1	1	1	.311
Marte rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.213
Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.238
McNeil 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Baty 3b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.319
Pham lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Vogelbach dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.270
Nido c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.118
Totals	**28**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**8**	

Colorado 000 000 000 — 0 5 0
NY Mets 000 100 00x — 1 5 1

E—Nido (2). **LOB**—Colorado 10, NY Mets 5. **2B**—Nimmo (8), Baty (3). **HR**—Nimmo (3), off Senzatela. **SB**—Grichuk (1). **S**—Castro.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Senzatela L 0-1	5	3	1	1	1	3	1.80
Suter	2	2	0	0	0	2	0.89
Lawrence	1	0	0	0	1	3	1.56

NY Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Senga W 4-1	6	2	0	0	4	4	3.38
Smith	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.08
Robertson	1	1	0	0	2	0	0.63
Ottavino S 4	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.75

NP—Senzatela 69, Suter 28, Lawrence 16, Senga 101, Smith 14, Robertson 17, Ottavino 10. **Umpires**—Home, John Tumpane; First, Alex MacKay; Second, Marvin Hudson; Third, Hunter Wendelstedt. **T**—2:10. **A**—25,854 (41,922).

TWINS 2, GUARDIANS 0

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kepler rf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.234
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.198
Polanco 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.304
Buxton dh	3	0	0	0	1	3	.255
Gallo lf-1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.194
Solano 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.264
Taylor pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Gordon cf-lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.154
Miranda 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.215
Castro pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Vázquez c	3	1	1	0	0	0	.237
Totals	**30**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**8**	

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.268
Rosario ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.219
Ramírez 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.285
Naylor 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.208
Bell dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Gonzalez rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.192
Giménez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Zunino c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.206
Straw cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.252
Totals	**29**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**9**	

Minnesota 000 002 000 — 2 3 1
Cleveland 000 000 000 — 0 3 0

E—Ober (1). **LOB**—Minnesota 3, Cleveland 4. **2B**—Naylor (4). **HR**—Kepler (4), off Battenfield. **SB**—Taylor (4).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ober W 2-0	7	3	0	0	1	6	0.98
JLópez	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.20
Duran S 7	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.13

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Batenfield L 0-3	7	2	2	2	0	7	4.07
De Los Santos	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.59
Curry	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.37

WP—Battenfield. **PB**—Zunino. **NP**—Ober 91, JLópez 10, Duran 18, Battenfield 91, De Los Santos 15, Curry 17. **Umpires**—Home, Dan Iassogna; First, Gabe Morales; Second, Scott Barry; Third, Adam Beck. **T**—2:11. **A**—17,849 (34,830).

ORIOLES 9, BRAVES 4

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Mateo ss	4	1	0	0	0	2	.307
Rutschman c	3	1	0	0	2	1	.292
Mountcastle 1b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.254
Santander rf	5	2	2	5	0	1	.248
Stowers rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.143
McCann dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.227
Hays pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.293
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No betting on Alabama baseball

Mass. operators stop action amid scandal

By Michael Silverman
GLOBE STAFF

Sports bettors in Massachusetts are no longer allowed to wager on University of Alabama baseball in the aftermath of alleged suspicious betting activity involving former coach Brad Bohannon.

The absence stems from integrity concerns of the state's retail and mobile operators rather than specific action from the Mass. Gaming Commission, which oversees the sports betting industry and is monitoring the Crimson Tide case.

According to ESPN, the university fired Bohannon, 47, on Thursday after he was connected to an individual who placed two significant wagers on Louisiana State University last Friday at an Ohio sports book prior to the announcement that Alabama was scratching its starting pitcher. ESPN also noted suspicious wagers also were reported in Indiana.

Ohio, Indiana, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania sports betting regulators ordered a halt to bets on Alabama baseball.

The issue was raised by commissioner Eileen O'Brien at an MGC meeting on Thursday. Bruce Band, the director of sports wagering, said at the meeting the commission was aware Massachusetts operators already had suspended betting.

"At this point I don't think that we really need to take action, but we continue to keep a close eye on it," said Band. "In a couple of jurisdictions there were some issues, but in Massachusetts, I haven't seen wagers that are potential problems for us at this time."

The suspicious betting activity in Ohio and Indiana was reported by US Integrity, one of several companies licensed by states, leagues, and sports books to monitor unusual odds movements or unexpectedly large bets that could be associated with insider information gained by unscrupulous methods.

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Alabama fired coach Brad Bohannon, who was connected to an Ohio bettor.

Band noted the MGC receives roughly 15 to 20 alerts per week that may or may not pertain to sports offered in Massachusetts, and that while the state assesses each of them, "a lot of them don't pan out."

The suspicious bets in Ohio were placed at a BetMGM sportsbook located inside Great American Ball Park, the home of Major League Baseball's Cincinnati Reds.

"We work closely with our suspicious activity monitoring provider, US Integrity, regulatory bodies, and law enforcement when necessary," said a BetMGM spokesperson in an e-mail. "We're actively working with the OCCC [Ohio Casino Control Commission] on this incident and won't be providing additional commentary at this time."

A Plainridge Park Casino spokesperson said Alabama baseball was taken down from its sports book and the Barstool Sports online app as soon as the media reports surfaced this week.

DraftKings and FanDuel did not respond to requests for information and comment about how they responded to the incident, but Alabama's Friday night game against Vanderbilt as well as Alabama as an option in futures bets was not available on their apps as well as Caesars' online app.

Wynn Resorts, owner of Boston Encore Harbor and its retail sports book as well as the mobile WynnBET app, did not have to take action.

"WynnBET does not book college baseball games and did not offer futures before the season on college baseball," said Wynn Resorts' Seth Medvin in an e-mail. "This applies to all of the states in which we operate."

In the game associated with the suspicious activity, LSU, a heavy favorite, beat Alabama.

In statements made to ESPN, both the NCAA and Southeastern Conference, which prohibit coaches, athletes and personnel from sports betting, made evident their concern over the allegations. Alabama is an SEC school.

"The NCAA takes sports wagering very seriously and is committed to the protection of student-athlete well-being and the integrity of competition," an NCAA spokesperson said. "We will work with our partners to protect student-athletes and the sports they play. The association is monitoring the situation. Due to confidentiality rules put in place by NCAA member schools, the NCAA does not comment on current, pending or potential investigations."

Said SEC commissioner Greg Sankey: "The University of Alabama has taken swift action after information about baseball sports wagering activity was questioned by industry regulators. Ensuring the integrity of athletic competition is our highest priority, and for that purpose the SEC monitors gambling activity through its relationship with US Integrity and has done so since 2018. There must be zero tolerance for activity that puts into question the integrity of competition. We will remain in communication with the University throughout its ongoing review and will have no further comment at this time."

The college baseball case comes shortly after the NFL suspended five players, four Detroit Lions and a Washington Commander, for violating its gambling policy.

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Handicapping the Kentucky Derby

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The 149th running of the Kentucky Derby is Saturday. Here's everything you need to know.

How to watch

When: Saturday, post time 6:57 p.m. The Kentucky Derby is the 12th race on the Churchill Downs card.

TV/streaming: NBC, NBCSports.com, the NBC Sports app, and Peacock. Coverage begins at noon.

Where: Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., has hosted the Derby since its first running in 1875, and the race annually draws more than 150,000 fans.

Horses to watch

Most of the 3-year-olds will be running 1¼ miles for the first time.

Forte: Comes into the Derby on a five-race winning streak and is a 5-1 cofavorite alongside Tapit Trice. Rallied in the Florida Derby to win by a length after being ninth in the early going. Lost just once in seven career races, as a 2-year-old. Trying to become just the fourth 2-year-old champion since 1980 to go on and win the Derby.

Forte is one of three Derby horses trained by Todd Pletcher, a two-time Derby winner. Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. knows the colt well, having ridden him in all of his races. Forte is co-owned by Mike Repole, whose Uncle Mo was the early favorite in the 2011 Derby but was scratched the day before because of illness. His other owner is Vincent Viola, who owns the NHL's Florida Panthers and co-owned Always Dreaming, the 2017 Derby winner trained by Pletcher.

Angel of Empire: Comes off a 4¼-length victory in the Arkansas Derby, where Derby rival Reincarnate finished third. His running style is from off the pace. If he can negotiate heavy traffic in front, he could be a threat in the late going.

One of four Derby horses for trainer Brad Cox, a Louisville native. Flavien Prat will be aboard, the fifth different jockey for the colt. He's one of three Derby contenders with at least $1 million in earnings. The bay colt is owned by Albaugh Family Stables, based in Des Moines. The outfit also coowns Jace's Road, who has yet to win as a 3-year-old and got into the Derby after another horse dropped out. Would be the third Pennsylvania-bred to win.

Tapit Trice: The Blue Grass Stakes winner is on a four-race winning streak. The gray colt is a powerful late runner and one of trainer Pletcher's three entries. He didn't break sharply from the starting gate in his Blue Grass and Tampa Bay Derby victories, but if he can get in position by the top of the stretch, he'll have a shot to win. Luis Saez has been aboard for the colt's last three wins.

Derma Sotogake: One of two Japanese horses in the field, along with Mandarin Hero. They're just the third and fourth Japan-bred entries in Derby history. Derma Sotogake is coming off a wire-to-wire victory by 5½ lengths in the UAE Derby. Owner Hiroyuki Asanuma is a dermatologist in Hokkaido who uses the word "Derma" as the first part of all his horses' names. "Sotogake" is an outside leg trip in sumo wrestling.

Kentucky Derby lineup

Field for Saturday's 149th Kentucky Derby, with post position, horse's name, jockey's name and current odds. **Weights**: 126 pounds. **Distance**: 1¼ miles. **Purse**: $3,000,000. **First place**: $1,860,000. **Second place**: $600,000. **Third place**: $300,000. **Fourth place**: $150,000. **Fifth place**: $90,000. **Post time**: 6:57 p.m.

PP	Horse	Jockey	Odds
1	Hit Show	Manny Franco	30-1
2	Verifying	Tyler Gaffalione	24-1
3	Two Phil's	Jareth Loveberry	9-1
4	Confidence Game	James Graham	20-1
5	Tapit Trice	Luis Saez	5-1
6	Kingsbarns	Jose Ortiz	11-1
7	Reincarnate	John Velazquez	17-1
8	Mage	Javier Castellano	17-1
11	Disarm	Joel Rosario	30-1
12	Jace's Road	Florent Geroux	32-1
13	Sun Thunder	Brian Hernandez Jr.	26-1
14	Angel of Empire	Flavien Prat	6-1
15	Forte	Irad Ortiz Jr.	5-1
16	Raise Cain	Gerardo Corrales	34-1
17	Derma Sotogake	Christophe Lemaire	10-1
18	Rocket Can	Junior Alvarado	33-1
21	Cyclone Mischief	Corey Lanerie	49-1
22	Mandarin Hero	Kazushi Kimura	36-1
23	King Russell	Rafael Bejarano	55-1

Scratches: Skinner (9), Practical Move (10), Lord Miles (19) , Continaur (20).

Continuar was scratched Thursday after his trainer said the colt was not in peak physical condition. That opened up a spot for Mandarin Hero, who finished second by a nose in the Santa Anita Derby.

Confidence Game: Coming off a 10-week layoff, much longer than most contenders. He won the Rebel Stakes by a length Feb. 25. The dark bay colt was purchased for $25,000, making him the cheapest horse in the field. Perhaps tellingly, his other two career victories came at Churchill Downs as a 2-year-old. His sire is Candy Ride, who also produced 2017 Horse of the Year Gun Runner. Trainer Keith Desormeaux is the brother of Hall of Fame jockey Kent Desormeaux.

Last year

Rich Strike, who did not even get into the Derby until the Friday before the race and had not won anything since a $30,000 maiden claiming race the previous September, went off at 80-1 and pulled off a stunning upset. Rich Strike tracked down favorites Epicenter and Zandon along the rail for the win. Only Donerail in 1913 won the Derby at longer odds.

How to bet

Massachusetts bettors can head to one of the three racing simulcast facilities in the state: Suffolk Downs, Raynham Park, and Plainridge Park. The race will be broadcast in the state's three casino sportsbooks (Encore Boston Harbor, MGM Springfield, and Plainridge), but Kentucky Derby bets cannot be placed there.

Online, there are two options: FanDuel and DraftKings. FanDuel's Racing allows users to migrate their FanDuel accounts to its Racing app, while DraftKings's DK Racing requires setting up a separate account.

Online horse racing betting is also legal in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

How do horses qualify?

The Derby is open to 3-year-old thoroughbreds who compile enough points in Road to the Kentucky Derby prep races. The 20 horses with the most points gain entry, though trainers sometimes hold their horses out if they feel the Derby isn't a good fit or if their horses are injured. In such instances, the four horses on the also-eligible list can move into the field.

How long is the race?

The Kentucky Derby is run at 10 furlongs, or 1¼ miles. That's one-16th of a mile longer than the Preakness Stakes but a quarter-mile shorter than the Belmont Stakes. The winner completes the race in a little over two minutes.

How much for the winner?

The owner of the Derby winner will receive $1.86 million of the $3 million purse, which is split among only the top five finishers.

Typically, the horse's owner receives 80 percent of the prize money, with the remaining 20 percent split between the trainer and jockey.

Material from the Washington Post, Associated Press, and Michael Silverman of the Globe staff was used in this report.

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Jesperi Kotkaniemi (stick in the air) scored twice in the Hurricanes' four-goal second period against the Devils.

NHL NOTEBOOK

Hurricanes crush Devils for 2-0 lead

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jesperi Kotkaniemi scored twice in a roughly 2½-minute span during Carolina's four-goal second period, **Frederik Andersen** stopped 28 shots and the Hurricanes beat the New Jersey Devils, 6-1, at Raleigh, N.C., Friday night for a 2-0 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Jordan Staal and **Martin Necas** also scored in that blow-it-open second, which turned a scoreless game between the top two regular-season teams still alive in the playoffs into a romping Hurricanes win with the backing of another rowdy home crowd.

It also marked the second straight game the Hurricanes chased Devils netminder **Akira Schmid**. He lasted only a few minutes into the second period of the 5-1 loss in Game 1, then took a seat after the second with his team down 4-0.

Jordan Martinook and **Stefan Noesen** added clinching goals in the third period to cap another dominant night for Carolina.

Miles Wood scored for the Devils early in the third, but Andersen was strong in his third straight postseason start for Carolina going back to the Round 1 win against the Islanders.

The Devils return home to host Game 3 Sunday, facing an 0-2 hole for the second straight best-of-seven series. They lost the first two games at home by 5-1 scores in the first round against the Rangers before rallying to advance with Monday's Game 7 clincher.

This time, they've been outscored, 11-2, through two games.

Kotkaniemi's first goal came when he took pass alone on the right side, then skated in to the dot before firing a shot that went under Schmid's right arm and grazed his ribs before finding the net at the 1:35 mark.

Moments later, Martinook — whose activity had him in the mix all night — skated in to tangle up two Devils players in a possession chase near the boards. That helped jar the puck loose to skitter over to Kotkaniemi for the near-post putaway at 3:58.

The Hurricanes kept the pressure on. There was **Jack Drury** chipping the puck in at the blue line for Staal, with the Hurricanes captain extending his 6-foot-4-inch frame to corral it before going with the forehand-to-backhand finish and the 3-0 lead.

And finally, **Martin Necas** finished one from the slot after **Jaccob Slavin** caught the right post on a rush, pushing the margin to 4-0 and only increasing already roaring noise in PNC Arena shortly before the intermission.

The Hurricanes dominated the opening period of Game 1, smothering the Devils to take away open ice while tallying more goals (two) than New Jersey had shots (one).

The Devils knew they couldn't repeat that effort and said as much Thursday, noting they had to get pucks on the net and use their speed to force Carolina to expend energy defending in its own end instead of rolling with its aggressive forecheck.

New Jersey carried play through the first 10-plus minutes. But by end of this one, Carolina was celebrating a blowout with Martinook's breakaway score against reliever **Vitek Vanecek** followed closely by

Stanley Cup playoffs

Eastern Conference

CAROLINA VS. NEW JERSEY

Hurricanes lead series, 2-0
Wednesday, May 3
At Carolina 5 ..... New Jersey 1
Friday, May 5
At Carolina 6 ..... New Jersey 1
Schedule
Sun., May 7 at New Jersey 3:30
Tue., May 9 at New Jersey 7
*Thu., May 11 at Carolina ..... TBA
*Sat., May 13 at New Jersey ..... TBA
*Mon., May 15 at Carolina ..... TBA

TORONTO VS. FLORIDA

Panthers lead series, 2-0
Tuesday, May 2
Florida 4 ..... at Toronto 2
Thursday, May 4
Florida 3 ..... at Toronto 2
Schedule
Sun., May 7 at Florida 6:30
Wed., May 10 at Florida 7
*Fri., May 12 at Toronto ..... TBA
*Sun., May 14 at Florida ..... TBA
*Tue., May 16 at Toronto ..... TBA

Western Conference

DALLAS VS. SEATTLE

Series tied at 1
Tuesday, May 2
Seattle 5 ..... at Dallas 4 (OT)
Thursday, May 4
At Dallas 4 ..... Seattle 2
Schedule
Sun., May 7 at Seattle 9:30
Tue., May 9 at Seattle 9:30
Thu., May 11 at Dallas ..... TBA
Sat., May 13 at Seattle ..... TBA
*Mon., May 15 at Dallas ..... TBA

VEGAS VS. EDMONTON

Golden Knights lead series, 1-0
Wednesday, May 3
At Vegas 6 ..... Edmonton 4
Schedule
Sat., May 6 at Vegas 7
Mon., May 8 at Edmonton 8:30
Wed., May 10 at Edmonton 10
*Fri., May 12 at Vegas ..... TBA
*Sun., May 14 at Edmonton ..... TBA
*Tue., May 16 at Vegas ..... TBA

* If necessary

HURRICANES 6, DEVILS 1

New Jersey	0	0	1	—	1
Carolina	0	4	2	—	6

First period — None. Penalties — Fast, Car (tripping), 3:33. Martinook, Car (hi stick), 5:10. Bahl, NJ (tripping), 15:42. Siegenthaler, NJ (interference), 19:56.

Second period — 1. Carolina, Kotkaniemi 2 (Gostisbehere, Drury), 1:35 (pp). 2. Carolina, Kotkaniemi 3 (Martinook, Fast), 3:58. 3. Carolina, Staal 1 (Drury, Pesce), 17:25. 4. Carolina, Necas 2 (Gostisbehere, Slavin), 19:44. Penalties — Burns, Car (roughing), 18:08. Tatar, NJ (slashing), 18:08.

Third period — 5. New Jersey, Wood 1 (McLeod, Bastian), 3:49. 6. Carolina, Martinook 1, 12:48. 7. Carolina, Noesen 3 (Aho, Jarvis), 13:42. Penalties — Chatfield, Car (roughing), 9:27.

Shots on goal — New Jersey 8-12-9 — 29. Carolina 9-16-11 — 36.

Power plays — New Jersey 0-3; Carolina 1-2.

Goalies — New Jersey, Schmid 4-3-0 (25 shots-21 saves). New Jersey, Vanecek 0-2-0 (11 shots-9 saves). Carolina, Andersen 3-0-0 (29 shots-28 saves).

Referees — Jean Hebert, Kyle Rehman. Linesmen — Steve Barton, Bryan Pancich.

A — 18,982 (18,680). T — 2:31.

STARS 4, KRAKEN 2

Thursday night game

Seattle	0	1	1	—	2
Dallas	0	3	1	—	4

First period — None. Penalties — Oleksiak, Sea (holding), 0:51. Benn, Dal (holding), 0:51. Soucy, Sea (delay of game), 15:44.

Second period — 1. Dallas, Johnston 2 (Miller, Domi), 3:43. 2. Dallas, Dadonov 4 (Benn, Suter), 9:05. 3. Seattle, Karlye 2 (Dunn), 11:05. 4. Dallas, Pavelski 5 (Johnston, Seguin), 16:57 (pp). Penalties — Soucy, Sea (slashing), 1:36. Soucy, Sea, served by Sprong (interference), 1:36. Marchment, Dal (embellishment), 1:36. Borgen, Sea (holding), 15:52.

Third period — 5. Dallas, Seguin 5 (Harley, Hintz), 10:59. 6. Seattle, Eberle 3 (Gourde), 16:32. Penalties — Harley, Dal (tripping), 13:08.

Shots on goal — Seattle 5-9-13 — 27. Dallas 11-19-7 — 37.

Power plays — Seattle 0-1; Dallas 1-3.

Goalies — Seattle, Grubauer 5-4-0 (37 shots-33 saves). Dallas, Oettinger 5-3-0 (27 shots-25 saves).

Referees — Steve Kozari, Chris Lee. Linesmen — Michel Cormier, Devin Berg.

A — 18,532 (18,532). T — 2:32.

Vegas game moved

Game 2 of the second-round series between Edmonton and Vegas is the only NHL playoff game on the schedule Saturday. Previously planned for Friday, it was moved back a day on a crowded sports weekend across North America. The Golden Knights lead the series, 1-0, after winning the opener, 6-4, despite four goals from Edmonton's **Leon Draisaitl.** Vegas coach **Bruce Cassidy** is a fan of the extended break before getting back at it in Game 2.

Montgomery finalist

Jim Montgomery of the Bruins, **Dave Hakstol** of the Seattle Kraken, and **Lindy Ruff** of the Devils were named finalists for the Jack Adams Award. Montgomery, 53, guided the Bruins to the most wins (65) and points (135) in a single season in NHL history . . . The Maple Leafs will be without rookie forward **Matthew Knies** for at least the next two games because of a concussion, coach **Sheldon Keefe** said.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

Tan, Heitman lead stunning turn at Acton-Boxborough

By AJ Traub
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

When the Acton-Boxborough volleyball players watched the ball sail down the line, it finished off a game in which they turned the improbable into the inevitable. A season-defining win, and a microcosm of the season the aptly-named Revolution are recording.

Freshman **Jake Moorman's** ace topped off a five-set win at eighth-ranked Lexington on Monday, in a moment where seventh-ranked A-B — at 10-0, one of four undefeated teams in the state — not only took down another terrific team, but twice fought back from being down a set. The Revolution stormed back to take the fourth set, 25-16, and the fifth, 15-7.

"Everyone went crazy. It felt awesome," said senior **Nick Heitman**, who recorded seven of his 19 kills in the fifth set. "Everyone was enjoying that moment. I don't remember much, everyone was in the middle jumping around, screaming."

Well, those hoarse A-B players who still had their voices were screaming. Heitman was one player who lost his voice during the match, as he strained to be heard above the loud din of the partisan Lexington crowd.

"It's hard to define the emotion at that point, kind of a mix of . . . A lot of different forms of happiness," said senior **Lucas Tan** (17 kills in the win). "I thought we'd lose because they're a strong team. We just played our game."

Tan and Heitman have risen to be team captains as seniors, after enduring a COVID-canceled season their freshman year and a 0-10 regular season to follow. Aside from a pair of postseason wins in an open playoff tournament that year, their first triumph didn't come until April of their junior year.

"They've just been staying with it and loving the sport and working hard at getting better, especially at the beginning [when] there wasn't a lot of winning involved," said coach **Darren Gwin**. "They've embraced the sport nonetheless and have worked hard to become the best players and teammates they can be."

Heitman took an optimistic approach to the rocky start: the only way to go was up. And up they went, going 6-12 last year, which was a significant improvement from their winless sophomore season. But to be 10-0 overall and No. 3 in the Division 1 power rankings, while dropping just four sets, is stunning.

"We like sharing the victory together," Heitman said. "Not even just the people who play, the entire team, we share the victory together and attribute it together. It brings us together as a whole group."

Contributing to the effort are a few players who joined with little to no experience last spring, including **Parth Pawar**, who took over the setter position halfway through his freshman season to great success. The sophomore dealt 49 assists, expertly spreading the offense in the victory over Lexington.

"[Playing club volleyball in the offseason] really helped me elevate my game," Pawar said. "It helped me play with other people and get different coaching. It helped me connect with more hitters and know the type of sets other hitters want. It extended my horizons and my skillset with the different type of sets I could run."

Pawar played volleyball for the first time in 2022 during a gym class unit, and joined the team months later with a blank slate, unaware of the 0-10 season just before.

"I didn't know what I was getting myself into, but I'm glad I did it," he said.

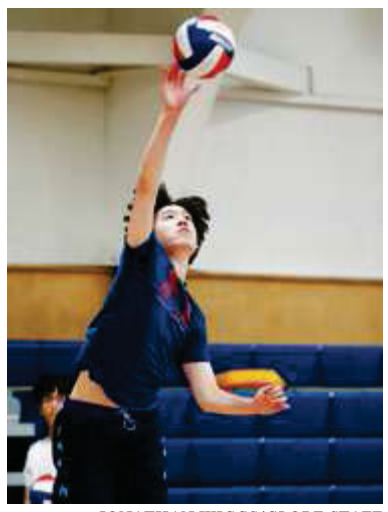
When last year's starting setter **James Cui** (now graduated) switched to outside hitter, Pawar took over the position and has been developing chemistry with A-B's deep core of hitters.

"It feels honestly really, really great," Pawar said. "I consider myself really lucky to have a team this good and a team that's really bonded together. Everyone's super nice. Everyone's friends first before teammates, I think. The way we work together on the court helps us play better."

The program now has a roster teeming with 39 players across three levels. This year's success could lead to greater participation.

"We are a program that pre-pandemic, we were having a lot of success, but we got hit hard and the past two years, wins have been hard to come by," said Gwin.

"Because of Nick and Lucas we've been able to right the ship, and there seems to be a lot of potential and talent for future years, too."



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Senior cocaptain Lucas Tan had 17 kills in A-B's 3-2 victory over No. 8 Lexington.

Globe Top 20

No.		Rec.	Last
1.	Needham	13-0	1
2.	North Quincy	10-1	2
3.	Natick	8-1	3
4.	Lowell	12-0	4
5.	Newton North	9-2	6
6.	Milford	8-3	7
7.	Acton-Boxborough	10-0	8
8.	Lexington	8-4	9
9.	St. John's (Shrewsbury)	11-2	10
10.	O'Bryant	11-2	5
11.	North Andover	9-2	12
12.	Brookline	7-3	13
13.	Cambridge	8-3	14
14.	St. John's Prep	7-5	15
15.	Medfield	9-1	16
16.	Greater New Bedford	6-2	17
17.	BC High	8-3	18
18.	Winchester	7-4	19
19.	Methuen	7-4	—
20.	Haverhill	7-3	11

Service points

■ No. 13 Cambridge (8-3) started its season 1-3 with three straight challenging losses to No. 6 Milford, No. 10 O'Bryant, and No. 12 Brookline. Since those defeats, the Falcons have taken flight, winning seven straight to quickly ascend the Dual County League ladder.

Coach **Kelley Leary** lauded the depth and coachability of this year's team, led by senior outside hitter **Isaac Wedaman** and junior libero **Tashi Mulug-Labrang**.

"Honestly, they make coaching easy," Leary said. "This group, they want to learn everything, and they ask good questions and they want to be students of the game. It's just been so refreshing."

Leary attributed the Falcons' early struggles to unforced errors, but has worked to correct their mental approach

"The issue's never been skill with them. It's a mentality piece," she said. "Staying focused and staying engaged, having confidence that they can do what they want."

■ The MIAA released its first power rankings updates for spring sports last Friday and have since updated two more times. As of Friday morning, Needham (4.6904) holds a commanding lead in Division 1, followed by Natick (4.0185) and Acton-Boxborough (3.4889). Westfield (4.5121), Agawam (4.0003), and North Quincy (3.8276) are the early leaders, respectively, in Division 2.

■ The Rhody Invitational Tournament will draw several of the top-ranked teams in Massachusetts to Rhode Island College on Saturday. The field of 25 includes No. 6 Milford, No. 9 St. John's (Shrewsbury), No. 10 O'Bryant, No. 13 Cambridge, No. 14 St. John's Prep, No. 16 Greater New Bedford, No. 20 Haverhill, Greater Lowell, and Lincoln-Sudbury.

These games will not count toward team records or power ratings, but will be a chance for local squads to battle other top programs from Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Local college scouts are also expected to attend.

Globe correspondent Ethan Fuller contributed to this report.

Scoreboard

Schools

BASEBALL

Boston Collegiate 16.....Salem Acad. 5
Pope Francis 5.....St. Paul 1
BAY STATE
Natick 8.....Needham 2
CAPE & ISLANDS
Barnstable 4.....Martha's Vnyd. 1
Falmouth 4.....Dennis-Yarmouth 3
Nantucket 8.....Rising Tide Charter 3
CAPE ANN
N. Reading 7.....Lynnfield 6
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Arlington Cath. 3.....Bp. Feehan 2
COMMONWEALTH
Essex Tech 6.....Gr. Lawrence 0
DUAL COUNTY
Concord-Carlisle 6.....Wayland 5
Waltham 6.....Lincoln-Sudbury 3
Westford 10.....Cambridge 0
Weston 3.....Boston Latin 2
GREATER BOSTON
Somerville 11.....Malden 1
HOCKOMOCK
North Attleboro 5.....Foxboro 0
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Andover 2.....Chelmsford 1
Lawrence 5.....Haverhill 2
Methuen 11.....Lowell 6
Tewksbury 11.....N. Andover 1
MID-WACH
Hudson 3.....N. Middlesex 2
Leominster 4.....Shepherd Hill 3
Nashoba 12.....Fitchburg 2
Wachusett 10.....Shrewsbury 0
Westboro 8.....Algonquin 4
MIDDLESEX
Burlington 7.....Woburn 6
Wakefield 8.....Wilmington 2
NORTHEASTERN
Peabody 5.....Swampscott 2
PATRIOT
Hingham 14.....Plymouth South 8
Pembroke 6.....Silver Lake 3
Plymouth North 11.....N. Quincy 1
Whit.-Hanson 3.....Scituate 2
SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 3.....Fairhaven 0
Bourne 10.....Joseph Case 0
Digh.-Rehoboth 9.....Old Rochester 2
Gr. New Bedford 6.....Somerset Berk. 1
TRI-VALLEY
Holliston 15.....Medway 2
Hopkinton 8.....Millis 2
Westwood 13.....Dedham 0
NONLEAGUE
Braintree 7.....King Philip 5
Chelsea 5.....Boston Int'l. 4
Dexter Southfield 12.....Tabor 2
Easton Area (Pa.) 1.....Acton-Boxboro 0
Ham.-Wenham 4.....Masconomet 3
Latin Acad. 10.....Brookline 9
Maynard 10.....St. Bernard's 0
Mystic Valley 18.....Excel Academy 2
Norwell 8.....Southeastern 1
St. John's Prep 5.....Billerica 2
St. Mary's 9.....Milton 6
Snowden 10.....Cathedral 7
Walpole 2.....Mansfield 1
Weymouth 13.....Card. Spellman 2

LACROSSE

BOYS
CAPE ANN
Ipswich 13.....N. Reading 8
Manchester 10.....Lynnfield 9
Triton 11.....Ham.-Wenham 5
COMMONWEALTH
Whittier 17.....Minuteman 7
HOCKOMOCK
Sharon 10.....North Attleboro 6
ISL
St. Sebastian's 16.....Governor's 8
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Billerica 17.....Lowell 0
Chelmsford 10.....Andover 9
Dracut 23.....Methuen 3
Haverhill 18.....Tewksbury 6
N. Andover 15.....Central Cath. 6
SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 20.....Gr. New Bedford 10
Fairhaven 14.....Bourne 2
TRI-VALLEY
Dover-Sherborn 18.....Ashland 9
Holliston 11.....Medway 6
NONLEAGUE
Arlington 9.....Stoneham 7
Boston Latin 22.....Somerville 1
Burlington 13.....Belmont 1
Cohasset 8.....Bp. Feehan 4
Digh.-Rehoboth 10.....Bellingham 6
Falmouth 13.....Whit.-Hanson 5
Hull 8.....Falmouth Acad. 2
Lexington 9.....Melrose 7
Medford 10.....Waltham 9
Milford 14.....Hudson 1
Pembroke 10.....E. Bridgewater 8
Plymouth South 14.....Abington 5
Reading 18.....Watertown 2
Rockland 11.....Abp. Williams 8
Taunton 13.....New Bedford 2
Winchester 14.....Wakefield 3
Woburn 7.....Wilmington 6
GIRLS
Malden Cath. 12.....Fontbonne 7
CAPE & ISLANDS
Monomoy 13.....Dennis-Yarmouth 6
CAPE ANN
Ipswich 15.....N. Reading 6
Manchester 11.....Lynnfield 3
Pentucket 17.....Georgetown 8
EIL
Berwick 22.....Bancroft 11
GREATER BOSTON
Medford 19.....Everett 1
MAYFLOWER
Bristol-Plymouth 8.....Old Colony 7
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Billerica 17.....Lowell 1
Central Cath. 9.....N. Andover 6
Chelmsford 15.....Andover 9
Haverhill 17.....Tewksbury 4
NORTHEASTERN
Danvers 19.....Saugus 2
PATRIOT
Quincy 13.....Whit.-Hanson 9
SOUTH COAST
Fairhaven 16.....Bourne 10
SOUTH SHORE
Middleboro 14.....Hull 11
TRI-VALLEY
Holliston 10.....Medway 5
Westwood 14.....Dedham 0
NONLEAGUE
Abp. Williams 18.....Rockland 2
Arlington Cath. 11.....Lowell Cath. 9
Bridge.-Raynham 16..Digh.-Rehoboth 8
Burlington 11.....Belmont 8
Cohasset 18.....Falmouth 5
Foxboro 10.....Hingham 6
Ham.-Wenham 16.....St. Mary's 7
Milford 16.....Hudson 9
Reading 15.....Watertown 2
Revere 4.....Northeast 1
Waltham 16.....Stoughton 2
Winchester 21.....Wakefield 9

TENNIS

BOYS
Card. Spellman 3.....Abington 2
CAPE & ISLANDS
Barnstable 4.....Martha's Vnyd. 1
Monomoy 4.....Rising Tide Charter 1
Nauset 4.....Sandwich 1
CAPE ANN
Ham.-Wenham 4.....Newburyport 1
Ham.-Wenham 4.....Newburyport 1
Lynnfield 5.....Ipswich 0
DUAL COUNTY
Weston 5.....Boston Latin 0
HOCKOMOCK
Sharon 4.....Stoughton 1
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Central Cath. 5.....Methuen 0
NORTHEASTERN
Marblehead 5.....Beverly 0
PATRIOT
Duxbury 5.....Quincy 0
Hingham 4.....Plymouth South 1
Pembroke 3.....Silver Lake 2
Scituate 4.....Whit.-Hanson 1
SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 5.....Joseph Case 0
TRI-VALLEY
Westwood 3.....Dedham 2
NONLEAGUE
Arlington 5.....Malden Cath. 0
BC High 5.....Latin Acad. 0
Brookline 4.....Hopkinton 1
Dartmouth 5.....Middleboro 0
Lexington 3.....St. John's Prep 2
Xaverian 3.....Bp. Feehan 2
GIRLS
BAY STATE
Natick 5.....Framingham 0
CAPE & ISLANDS
Martha's Vnyd. 5.....Barnstable 0
Monomoy 4.....Rising Tide Charter 1
Nauset 3.....Sandwich 2
CAPE ANN
Ham.-Wenham 3.....Newburyport 2
Lynnfield 4.....Ipswich 1
Manchester 5.....Pentucket 0
Rockport 3.....Triton 2
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Card. Spellman 5...Saint Joseph Prep 0
DUAL COUNTY
Acton-Boxboro 5.....Bedford 0
Boston Latin 3.....Weston 2
Concord-Carlisle 3.....Wayland 2
Westford 4.....Cambridge 1
GREATER BOSTON
Somerville 4.....Lynn English 1
HOCKOMOCK
Foxboro 3.....North Attleboro 2
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Billerica 3.....Haverhill 2
NORTHEASTERN
Danvers 5.....Saugus 0
Marblehead 4.....Beverly 1
Masconomet 5.....Gloucester 0
Peabody 5.....Salem 0
PATRIOT
Duxbury 5.....Quincy 0
Hingham 5.....Plymouth South 0
Marshfield 4.....Hanover 1
Pembroke 3.....Silver Lake 2
Scituate 5.....Whit.-Hanson 0
SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 5.....Joseph Case 0
TRI-VALLEY
Holliston 5.....Medway 0
Hopkinton 5.....Millis 0
Westwood 5.....Dedham 0
NONLEAGUE
Bridge.-Raynham 5.....E. Bridgewater 0
Central Cath. 5.....Lowell 0
Clinton 3.....Hudson 2
Lexington 5.....Needham 0
Newton South 4.....Brookline 1
N. Reading 4.....Wilmington 1
Wachusett 5.....Nashoba 0
Wellesley 4.....Andover 1
Winchester 3.....Wakefield 2

SOFTBALL

Cushing 3.....Phillips Andover 1
E. Longmeadow 5.....Chicopee Comp. 2
Granby 15.....Paulo Freire 1
Greenfield 6.....Easthampton 1
Hampshire 8.....Turners Falls 1
Lee 15.....St. Mary (Westfield) 3
McCann Tech 7.....Ware 1
Minnechaug 12.....Northampton 0
Mohawk Trail 5.....Smith Academy 3
Pope Francis 20.....Renaissance 1
Westfield Tech 12.....Monument Mtn. 0
BAY STATE
Brookline 13.....Weymouth 12
BOSTON CITY
Madison Park 22.....Charlestown 15
New Mission 20.....Boston Int'l. 3
TechBoston 8.....Fenway 5
CAPE & ISLANDS
Monomoy 19.....Barnstable 2
Nantucket 8.....Rising Tide Charter 2
Nauset 8.....Sandwich 7
CAPE ANN
Newburyport 18.....Georgetown 6
Pentucket 17.....Ipswich 1
COLONIAL
Blackstone Valley 4.....Assabet 1
COMMONWEALTH
KIPP Academy 20.....Northeast 4
DUAL COUNTY
Concord-Carlisle 6.....Wayland 5
Lincoln-Sudbury 22.....Waltham 1
Westford 8.....Cambridge 2
EIL
Pingree 12.....Dana Hall 2
HOCKOMOCK
King Philip 8.....Foxboro 3
MAYFLOWER
Tri-County 17.....Diman 1
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Central Cath. 8.....Andover 0
Haverhill 5.....Chelmsford 3
Methuen 7.....Tewksbury 4
N. Andover 9.....Lowell 0
MID-WACH
Hudson 15.....Westboro 3
Littleton 15.....Quabbin 9
Marlborough 2.....Groton-Dunstable 0
N. Middlesex 27.....Algonquin 4
Shepherd Hill 6.....Leominster 4
MIDDLESEX
Arlington 18.....Belmont 5
NORTHEASTERN
Beverly 6.....Masconomet 5
Gloucester 5.....Danvers 0
Marblehead 11.....Saugus 2
Salem 11.....Winthrop 3
PATRIOT
Hingham 4.....Plymouth South 1
Marshfield 14.....Hanover 2
N. Quincy 10.....Plymouth North 9
Silver Lake 2.....Pembroke 0
Whit.-Hanson 7.....Scituate 1
SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 9.....Fairhaven 8
Digh.-Rehoboth 16.....Old Rochester 4
Joseph Case 27.....Bourne 0
Somerset Berk. 13.....Gr. New Bed. 10
SWCL
Grafton 24.....Quaboag 3
TRI-VALLEY
Dedham 3.....Westwood 2
Medway 5.....Holliston 2
Millis 15.....Hopkinton 9
NONLEAGUE
Abington 10.....Notre Dame (H) 8
Bp. Stang 9.....New Bedford 4
Boston Latin 5.....Fontbonne 4
Bridge.-Raynham 1.....Milton 0
Brooks 10.....Phillips Exeter 0
Burncoat 15.....Southbridge 0
Douglas 5.....Oxford 2
Durfee 15.....Bp. Connolly 7
Ham.-Wenham 14.....Excel Academy 1
Lynn English 19.....Lynn Tech 7
Maynard 6.....St. Bernard's 4
Mystic Valley 21.....Salem Academy 4
Nipmuc 6.....Adv. Math & Sci. 4
Oakmont 8.....Monty Tech 4
O'Bryant 6.....Revere 3
St. Mary's 7.....Malden Cath. 2
St. Paul 5.....Auburn 0
Sutton 23.....Worcester North 10
Triton 17.....Manchester 0
Uxbridge 12.....Notre Dame (W) 10
Wakefield 17.....Arlington Cath. 5
Walpole 13.....Oliver Ames 1
Worcester South 12.....W. Boylston 0
Worcester Tech 11.....Bartlett 3

VOLLEYBALL

BOYS
COMMONWEALTH
Essex Tech 3.....Lynn Tech 1
DUAL COUNTY
Acton-Boxboro 3.....Waltham 0
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Chelmsford 3.....Methuen 2
Haverhill 3.....N. Andover 2
Lawrence 3.....Billerica 1
Lowell 3.....Central Cath. 0
SOUTH ALLIANCE
Gr. New Bedford 3.....New Bedford 1
N. Quincy 3.....Brockton 0
Taunton 3.....Quincy 0
TRI-VALLEY
Millis 3.....Norton 0
NONLEAGUE
Barnstable 3.....Madison Park 0
Durfee 3.....Braintree 2
Latin Acad. 3.....Boston Latin 0
Needham 3.....Westfield 0
Winchester 3.....Revere 0

GOLF

GIRLS
NONLEAGUE
Bp. Feehan 224.....Needham 194

RUGBY

BOYS
COMMONWEALTH
Brookline 29.....Needham 0
PATRIOT
Marshfield 27.....Hingham 1

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Golf

PGA: WELLS FARGO

At Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C.
Yardage: 7,538; par: 71

Wyndham Clark	67-67—134	-8
Tyrrell Hatton	69-65—134	-8
Nate Lashley	68-66—134	-8
Sungjae Im	69-66—135	-7
Xander Schauffele	66-69—135	-7
Adam Scott	67-68—135	-7
J.J. Spaun	68-67—135	-7
Adam Svensson	68-67—135	-7
Justin Thomas	68-67—135	-7
Tommy Fleetwood	65-71—136	-6
Michael Kim	68-68—136	-6
K.H. Lee	66-70—136	-6
Stewart Cink	71-66—137	-5
Harris English	71-66—137	-5
Max Homa	70-67—137	-5
Beau Hossler	68-69—137	-5
Taylor Moore	66-71—137	-5
Kevin Streelman	66-71—137	-5
Dylan Wu	72-65—137	-5
Patrick Cantlay	67-71—138	-4
Chris Kirk	67-71—138	-4
David Lingmerth	71-67—138	-4
Denny McCarthy	71-67—138	-4
Matthew NeSmith	67-71—138	-4
Ryan Palmer	66-72—138	-4
Webb Simpson	71-67—138	-4
Alex Smalley	73-65—138	-4
Gary Woodland	69-69—138	-4
Keegan Bradley	70-69—139	-3
Hayden Buckley	72-67—139	-3
Corey Conners	70-69—139	-3
Matt Fitzpatrick	69-70—139	-3
Rickie Fowler	71-68—139	-3
Matt Kuchar	72-67—139	-3
Trey Mullinax	70-69—139	-3
Seamus Power	69-70—139	-3
Brendon Todd	71-68—139	-3
Zac Blair	72-68—140	-2
Trace Crowe	70-70—140	-2
M.J. Daffue	70-70—140	-2
Austin Eckroat	70-70—140	-2
Harrison Endycott	74-66—140	-2
Tony Finau	71-69—140	-2
Doug Ghim	71-69—140	-2
Emiliano Grillo	67-73—140	-2
Viktor Hovland	71-69—140	-2
Stephan Jaeger	70-70—140	-2
Si Woo Kim	68-72—140	-2
Tom Kim	67-73—140	-2
Keith Mitchell	69-71—140	-2
Francesco Molinari	72-68—140	-2
Chad Ramey	69-71—140	-2
Sam Stevens	70-70—140	-2
Jimmy Walker	72-68—140	-2
Ryan Armour	70-71—141	-1
Akshay Bhatia	72-69—141	-1
Joseph Bramlett	72-69—141	-1
Cameron Davis	71-70—141	-1
Nick Hardy	71-70—141	-1
Kramer Hickok	67-74—141	-1
Mark Hubbard	72-69—141	-1
Rory McIlroy	68-73—141	-1
Henrik Norlander	70-71—141	-1
Justin Suh	72-69—141	-1
Callum Tarren	70-71—141	-1
Sahith Theegala	67-74—141	-1
Alejandro Tosti	75-66—141	-1
Cameron Young	71-70—141	-1
Missed cut		
Sam Burns	71-71—142	E
Jason Day	72-70—142	E
Lucas Glover	69-73—142	E
Adam Hadwin	74-68—142	E
James Hahn	72-70—142	E
Justin Lower	71-71—142	E
C.T. Pan	68-74—142	E
Scott Piercy	73-69—142	E
Aaron Rai	72-70—142	E
Adam Schenk	74-68—142	E
Robert Streb	72-70—142	E
Carson Young	73-69—142	E
Eric Cole	71-72—143	+1
Nico Echavarria	74-69—143	+1
Will Gordon	71-72—143	+1
Chesson Hadley	69-74—143	+1
Lee Hodges	74-69—143	+1
Adam Long	74-69—143	+1
J.T. Poston	73-70—143	+1
Robby Shelton	71-72—143	+1
Davis Thompson	69-74—143	+1

	SAT 5/6	SUN 5/7	MON 5/8	TUE 5/9	WED 5/10	THU 5/11	FRI 5/12
Red Sox	PHI 7:15 Fox	PHI 1:35 NESN		ATL 7:20 NESN, TBS	ATL 7:20 NESN		STL 7:10 NESN
Celtics		PHI 3:30 ESPN		PHI TBA TNT		PHI (if nec.) TBA ESPN	
Revolution	TOR 7:30 AppleTV						

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AUTO RACING
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8 p.m. NASCAR Truck: Heart Of America 200 FS1
BASEBALL
2:15 p.m. Detroit at St. Louis MLB
4 p.m. Triple A: Buffalo at Worcester NESN
4:10 p.m. NY Yankees at Tampa Bay MLB
6:30 p.m. Triple A: Buffalo at Worcester NESN
7:15 p.m. Boston at Philadelphia Fox
9:40 p.m. Houston at Seattle MLB
COLLEGE BASEBALL
11:30 a.m. Cornell at Dartmouth NESN+
NBA PLAYOFFS
3:30 p.m. New York at Miami ABC
8:30 p.m. Golden State at LA Lakers ABC
BOWLING
9 p.m. PBA: Players Championship (tape) FS1
PRO FOOTBALL
1 p.m. USFL: Houston vs. Philadelphia Fox
7:30 p.m. USFL: Memphis at Michigan NBC
GOLF
7:30 a.m. DP World: Italian Open Golf
1 p.m. PGA: Wells Fargo Championship Golf
3 p.m. Champions: Mitsubishi Electric Golf
3 p.m. PGA: Wells Fargo Championship CBS
6 p.m. LPGA: Lifeplus International Golf
NHL PLAYOFFS
7 p.m. Edmonton at Vegas TNT
HORSE RACING
10:30 a.m. America's Day at the Races FS2
noon Kentucky Derby undercard NBC
2:30 p.m.* Kentucky Derby NBC
LACROSSE
7 p.m. NLL quarterfinal: Rochester at Buffalo ESPNU
9:30 p.m. NLL quarterfinal: Panther City at Calgary ESPNU
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
7 p.m. UFC 288 prelims ESPN
RUGBY
8 p.m. MLR: Old Glory at Dallas FS2
SAILING
7:30 p.m. Sail GP: Day 1 CBSSN
MEN'S SOCCER
10 a.m. Premier: Leeds at Manchester City USA
12:30 p.m. Premier: Brentford at Liverpool USA
7:30 p.m. MLS: Revolution at Toronto AppleTV
WOMEN'S SOCCER
1 p.m. NWSL: San Diego at Washington CBS
TENNIS
12:30 p.m. Madrid Open (finals) Tennis
*post time is 6:57 p.m.
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Baseball

TRIPLE-A: INTERNATIONAL

EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Norfolk	22	7	.759	—
Durham	16	13	.552	6
Jacksonville	14	14	.500	7½
Lehigh Valley	14	14	.500	7½
Syracuse	14	15	.483	8
Worcester	14	15	.483	8
Charlotte	14	16	.467	8½
Buffalo	12	17	.414	10
Scranton/W.-Barre	12	18	.400	10½
Rochester	10	18	.357	11½

WEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Memphis	20	10	.667	—
Iowa	17	9	.654	1
Toledo	18	11	.621	1½
St. Paul	16	12	.571	3
Nashville	16	13	.552	3½
Columbus	13	15	.464	6
Indianapolis	12	17	.414	7½
Louisville	12	17	.414	7½
Gwinnett	11	18	.379	8½
Omaha	10	18	.357	9

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
At Worcester 14.....Buffalo 2
Rochester 4.....at Scranton/W.-Barre 1
Durham 2.....at Norfolk 1
At Syracuse 10.....Lehigh Valley 9
Indianapolis 6.....at Toledo 3
At Gwinnett 2.....Charlotte 0
Iowa 9.....at Columbus 5
At Omaha 6.....Louisville 2
Nashville 3 (susp.).....at St. Paul 2
Jacksonville 6.....at Memphis 2
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at Worcester.....4:05
Buffalo at Worcester.....7:05
Lehigh Valley at Syracuse.....1:05
Nashville at St. Paul.....3:07
Rochester at Scranton/W.-Barre.....4:05
Lehigh Valley at Syracuse.....4:05
Indianapolis at Toledo.....5:05
Iowa at Columbus.....5:05
Charlotte at Gwinnett.....6:05
Durham at Norfolk.....6:35
Louisville at Omaha.....7:35
Jacksonville at Memphis.....7:35
Iowa at Columbus.....8:05
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
At Worcester 4.....Buffalo 1
At Buffalo 2.....Worcester 1
At Norfolk 5.....Durham 4
Jacksonville 9.....at Memphis 5
At Scranton/W.-Barre 6.....Rochester 1
Iowa 2.....at Columbus 1
Indianapolis 5.....at Toledo 2
Lehigh Valley 6.....at Syracuse 4
Charlotte 15.....at Gwinnett 2
Louisville 12.....at Omaha 10
Nashville 10.....at St. Paul 8
Rochester 9.....at Scranton/W.-Barre 6

DOUBLE-A: EASTERN

NORTHEAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	17	6	.739	—
Somerset	14	9	.609	3
Hartford	12	10	.545	4½
Binghamton	11	11	.500	5½
New Hampshire	10	13	.435	7
Reading	8	15	.348	9

SOUTHWEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Richmond	14	9	.609	—
Altoona	12	10	.545	1½
Harrisburg	11	12	.478	3
Akron	10	12	.455	3½
Erie	10	14	.417	4½
Bowie	7	15	.318	6½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Portland 8.....at Akron 0
At Akron 2.....Portland 1
At New Hampshire 3.....Harrisburg 0
At Somerset 2.....Binghamton 0
At Richmond 3.....Altoona 1
Erie 7.....at Bowie 4
Reading 11.....at Hartford 2
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Portland at Akron.....6:05
Harrisburg at New Hampshire.....4:05
Altoona at Richmond.....6:05
Reading at Hartford.....6:10
Erie at Bowie.....6:35
Binghamton at Somerset.....6:35

HIGH-A: SOUTH ATLANTIC

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Greenville 10.....at Asheville 9
At Hudson Valley 3.....Wilmington 2
At Winston-Salem 8.....Greensboro 7
At Hickory 6.....Jersey Shore 3
At Rome 3.....Bowling Green 1
Aberdeen 10.....at Brooklyn 3

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
NE Revolution	10	6	3	1	21
FC Cincinnati	10	6	3	1	21
Atlanta United	10	5	3	2	18
Nashville SC	10	4	3	3	15
NYCFC	10	4	3	3	15
Columbus Crew	10	4	2	4	14
D.C. United	10	4	2	4	14
Orlando	9	4	2	3	14
Toronto FC	10	2	6	2	12
Phila Union	9	3	2	4	11
Chicago Fire FC	9	2	5	2	11
Inter Miami CF	9	3	0	6	9
CF Montreal	9	3	0	6	9
Charlotte FC	10	2	3	5	9
NY Red Bulls	10	1	6	3	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Seattle Sounders	10	6	2	2	20
St. Louis City SC	10	6	1	3	19
LAFC	8	5	3	0	18
FC Dallas	10	4	3	3	15
SJ Earthquakes	10	4	3	3	15
Houston Dynamo	8	4	1	3	13
Minnesota United	9	3	3	3	12
Portland Timbers	10	3	2	5	11
Van Whitecaps	9	2	5	2	11
Real Salt Lake	9	3	1	5	10
Austin FC	9	2	3	4	9
Colorado Rapids	10	1	6	3	9
LA Galaxy	9	1	3	5	6
Sporting KC	10	0	3	7	3

SATURDAY'S GAMES
NE Revolution at Toronto FC.....7:30
Phila Union at NY Red Bulls.....7:30
NYCFC at Charlotte FC.....7:30
Atlanta United at Inter Miami CF.....7:30
D.C. United at FC Cincinnati.....7:30
Orlando at CF Montreal.....7:30
LAFC at San Jose Earthquakes.....7:30
St. Louis City SC at FC Dallas.....8:30
Real Salt Lake at Hou. Dynamo.....8:30
Chicago Fire FC at Nashville SC.....8:30
Colorado Rapids at LA Galaxy.....10:30
Minn. United at Van. Whitecaps.....10:30
Austin FC at Portland Timbers.....10:30

PERMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Manchester City	33	25	4	4	79
Arsenal	34	24	6	4	78
Newcastle	33	18	11	4	65
Man. United	33	19	6	8	63
Liverpool	34	17	8	9	59
Brighton	32	16	7	9	55
Tottenham	34	16	6	12	54
Aston Villa	34	16	6	12	54
Brentford	34	12	14	8	50
Fulham	34	13	6	15	45
Crystal Palace	34	10	10	14	40
Chelsea	33	10	9	14	39
AFC Bournemoth	34	11	6	17	39
Wolverhampton	34	10	7	17	37
West Ham	34	9	7	18	34
Leicester City	34	8	6	20	30
Leeds United	34	7	9	18	30
Nottingham Forst	34	7	9	18	30
Everton	34	6	11	17	29
Southampton	34	6	6	22	24

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Leeds United at Manchester City.....10a
Crystal Palace at Tottenham.....10

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OUT OF STATE

FLORIDA
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ANDERSON, Kevin M.

Of Quincy, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 29, 2023. He was 58.

Kevin was the beloved husband of Catherine "Kate" (Feeney) Anderson and the loving father of Joshua Alberto-Anderson of Quincy; the son of William Anderson of Maine and the late Patricia (Foote) Anderson; the brother of William Anderson, Jr. and his wife, Eileen of NJ, Dennis Anderson and his wife, Christine, Patty Anderson Walsh and her husband, Joseph, Mary Anderson Galarraga and her husband, Charles, Eileen Anderson Harkins and her husband, Tad, and Michael Anderson and his late wife, Molly, all of Maine; the stepson of Karen Tibbetts of Maine; and an uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the Visiting Hours on Tuesday, 4-8 PM in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., QUINCY. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9:30 AM on Wednesday prior to the Funeral Mass in St. Agatha Parish, Milton at 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kevin's memory may be made to JDRF, 200 Vesey Street, 28th Flr, New York, NY 10281 (jdrf.org).

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

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GRUBERT, Toby

Toby Grubert of Revere, MA, entered into rest on May 3, 2023, at the age of 87. The loving sister of the late Roslyn Wiseman and brother-in-law of the late Aaron J. Wiseman. Dear daughter of the late Hyman Grubert and Mollie (Bloom) Grubert. She leaves a niece Leslie (Wiseman) Garber (Douglas) of Peabody and a nephew, Howard Wiseman (Jane) of Newton. She also leaves two grandnieces, Melanie Garber-Letitia of Allston, MA and Rebecca Lee of Martinez, CA. She was a lifelong resident of Revere and graduated from Revere High School in 1953. She was a loan manager at First National Bank of Boston. She loved creative cooking, reading and watching sports. She cherished her time spent with family, friends, and respected colleagues & clients. A funeral service and Shiva for Toby will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory to American Heart Association www.heart.org. For more information or to register in the online guestbook, please visit www.stanetskyhymansonsalem.com

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MADDEN-FOLEY, Claire V.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Claire V. Madden-Foley, loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, and grandmother who died peacefully surrounded by her family on May 2, 2023. Claire was born in Boston on July 24, 1942, to the late William and Lillian Madden. In addition to her parents, Claire was preceded in death by her loving husband, Francis Foley; brother, Bill Madden; and sister, Elizabeth Wisentaner. Claire was a loving and devoted mother to Lauren Marrocco and her husband, Joseph, Lisa Foley-Paige and her husband, Jonathan, Francis D. Foley (Boston Fire Department) and his wife, Melanie, and Lynette Foley. Her pride and joy were her nine grandchildren, Alexie Marrocco, Erica Brothers and her husband, Darien, Amanda Erlandson and her husband, Michael, Nicholas Marrocco, Kaitlyn Foley, Emma Foley, Ryan Greenwood, Mariella Foley, Nolan Foley; and three great-grandchildren, London, Sophia and Rocco. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and longtime friends. Claire had the personality and charisma to make friends everywhere she went. She lit up the room with her beautiful smile and contagious laugh. Claire was an animal lover and supported many different animal causes over her lifetime. However, there was nothing more important to Claire than her family. Showering her children and grandchildren with love was her greatest joy and no one did it better than her. She will be greatly missed by so many whose lives she touched, especially her grandchildren. Nana, you left a mark on us that will never fade. We love you to the moon and back. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Claire's Funeral Mass in The Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 10 o'clock. Interment at Mt. Benedict Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130, or at mspca.org. To leave a condolence message for Claire's family, please visit gormleyfuneral.com

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O'BRIEN, Mary Louise

Of West Roxbury, formerly of Hyde Park and Mission Hill, May 2, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Patrick A. O'Brien. Loving mother of Patricia L. Clarke and her late husband Stephen of Sandwich and Stephen T. O'Brien (BPD) and her daughter-in-law Michelle O'Brien, both of West Roxbury. Sister of Barbara Supitkowsky of Spring Hill, FL. Devoted grandmother of Gary, Timothy, Brendan, Bridget and Coleman. Great-grandmother of Ryan and Payton. Member of the Boston Lodge of Elks #10. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Monday, May 8th at 9 am, followed by a Funeral Mass in Holy Name Church at 10 o'clock. Visiting Hours Sunday 4-8 pm. Relatives and friends invited. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Mission Church Restoration Fund, 1545 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02120. For directions and guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com

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SHAW, David Alfred

Of Arlington, MA, passed away on April 27, 2023 due to complications from Parkinson's disease. He was a gentle soul beloved by his family and friends.

David is survived by his children, Emily Sloat Shaw and Jesse Shaw; son-in-law Guilherme Roschke; daughter-in-law Audrey Battista; and grandchildren, William and Esther Roschke and Sebastian Shaw. He is remembered by his sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Robert Vitale; brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Marianne Shaw; ex-wife Sloat Shaw; and dear friend, Louise Goldstein. His parents, Anne Pellicone Shaw and Norman Shaw, predeceased him.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on May 14, 2023 at 11 am at Jesse Shaw's home. Please email memorial@emilysloatshaw.com for the location. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

SPIRIDIGLIOZZI, Donata

Of Watertown, passed on May 4, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Donato Spiridigliozzi. Wake on Monday, May 8 from 4-8 pm. Funeral Mass on Tuesday, at 10:30 am in Our Lady's Church, Newton. For complete notice and service details, please visit magnifuneralhome.com

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TURNER, Joseph T.

Of Norwood, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 4, 2023, at the age of 82 after a long battle with heart disease. Son of Mary (Guthrie) and James Turner of County Clare, Ireland and North Cambridge, Massachusetts. Loving husband of Ann (Durant) Turner for 58 years. Devoted father to Michael S. V. Turner of Needham, Dr. Christopher D. Turner and his wife, Christen, of Walpole, Timothy J. Turner and his wife, Jennifer, of Ashburn, Virginia, Tracey A. (Turner) Brown and her husband, James, of Norwood, and Kerry A. (Turner) Campbell and her husband, Kyle, of Franklin. Cherished Papa to Isabelle, Benjamin and Noah Turner, Cameron and Kyle Turner, Jack and Ryan Turner, Caeleigh, Micaela, Quinlan and Caitlin Brown, and Colin, Brogan and Finnegan Campbell. Brother of John "Jack" Turner of Sudbury, Vincent Turner and his wife, Betty, of Kingston, and the late James Turner and his wife, Eleanor, of Arlington. Joe was a graduate of Boston University, obtained his master's degree from Union College, and his Juris Doctorate from Suffolk Law School. Longtime employee of GTE in Needham, and Assessor for the Town of Norwood, after retirement Joe enjoyed his time golfing at Walpole Country Club or taking advantage of the fine restaurants in and around Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, where he and Ann enjoyed 21 years of close friendships living and golfing at PGA National. Visiting Hours will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, from 4-8 pm at Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, NORWOOD, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 10:30 am at St. Timothy's Parish, Norwood, MA. Interment immediately following at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Jimmy Fund Clinic of Boston, c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284, or via www.jimmyfund.org/gift

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Obituaries

Katie Cotton, PR chief who helped raise Apple's profile, at 57

By Richard Sandomir
NEW YORK TIMES

Katie Cotton, who as Apple's longtime communications chief guarded the media's access to Steve Jobs, the company's visionary cofounder, and helped organize the introduction of many of his products, died April 6 in Redwood City, Calif. She was 57.

Her death, in a hospital, was confirmed by Michael Mimeles, her former husband. He did not give a cause but said that she had experienced complications from heart surgery she underwent a few years ago.

Ms. Cotton, who built a culture of mystery by saying relatively little, if anything, to reporters, joined Apple in 1996 and began working with Jobs the next year, soon after he returned to the company after 12 years away. Apple was in poor financial shape at the time, but Ms. Cotton worked with Jobs to engineer a striking turnaround.

Together they crafted a tightly controlled public relations strategy as the company recovered from steep losses and turned out one successful product after another, including the iMac desktop computer and innovative digital devices like the iPod, the iPhone and the iPad.

"She was formidable and tough and very protective of both Apple's brand and Steve, particularly when he got sick," Walt Mossberg, a former technology columnist for The Wall Street Journal, said in a phone interview, referring to Jobs's diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in 2004. He added: "She was one of the few people he trusted implicitly. He listened to her. She could pull him back from something he intended to do or say."

Ms. Cotton spoke tersely, if at all, when reporters questioned her, but she could be helpful when speaking off the record or on background.

"She was accessible, she was a point of contact, but sometimes it was hand-to-hand combat if they wanted to convey a story to the world and it wasn't the story I wanted to tell," John Markoff, a former technology reporter for The New York Times, said by phone.

Ms. Cotton also chose which reporters could speak to Jobs (even though he would occasionally speak, on his own, to journalists he knew well).

Richard Stengel, a former managing editor of Time magazine, said in an e-mail that Jobs "would call me five or six times in a day to tell me I should do a story or not," and that Ms. Cotton would "frequently call right after and gently apologize or pull back something he had said." He added, "She was very loyal, but she saw him in an unvarnished way."

Kathryn Elizabeth Cotton was born Oct. 30, 1965, in Washington, N.J. Her father, Philip, worked for a telecommunications company. Her mother, Marie (Cuvo) Cotton, held various jobs, including caterer.

After graduating from the University of Arizona in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in journalism, Ms. Cotton worked at Dav-El Limousine in Los Angeles in sales, marketing, and public relations before moving to the public relations agency Allison Thomas Associates. The company's technology clients included Jobs, who was then running Next Software. But Thomas and Jobs had a falling-out before Ms. Cotton was hired around 1994.

"She was great at what she did," Thomas said in a phone interview, "but it took a while for her obsessive work habits to become clear."

In mid-1996, when Gilbert Amelio was Apple's CEO, the struggling company hired Ms. Cotton to help with its public relations. "Katie did tech PR before it was hip and cool to do, and Apple needed someone with her experience," Mimeles, her exhusband, who also worked at Apple, said in a phone interview.

In late 1996, Apple acquired Next, which brought Jobs back to Apple as an adviser. He would become the company's interim CEO in 1997 and CEO three years later. That year he elevated Ms. Cotton to run Apple's public relations and communications and eventually named her vice president of worldwide communications, a title she held for many years.

"When Steve came back, he didn't just put key engineers in place," Greg Joswiak, Apple's senior vice president of marketing, said by phone. "He put the right people in place to lead us around the company, and Katie was a big part of that."

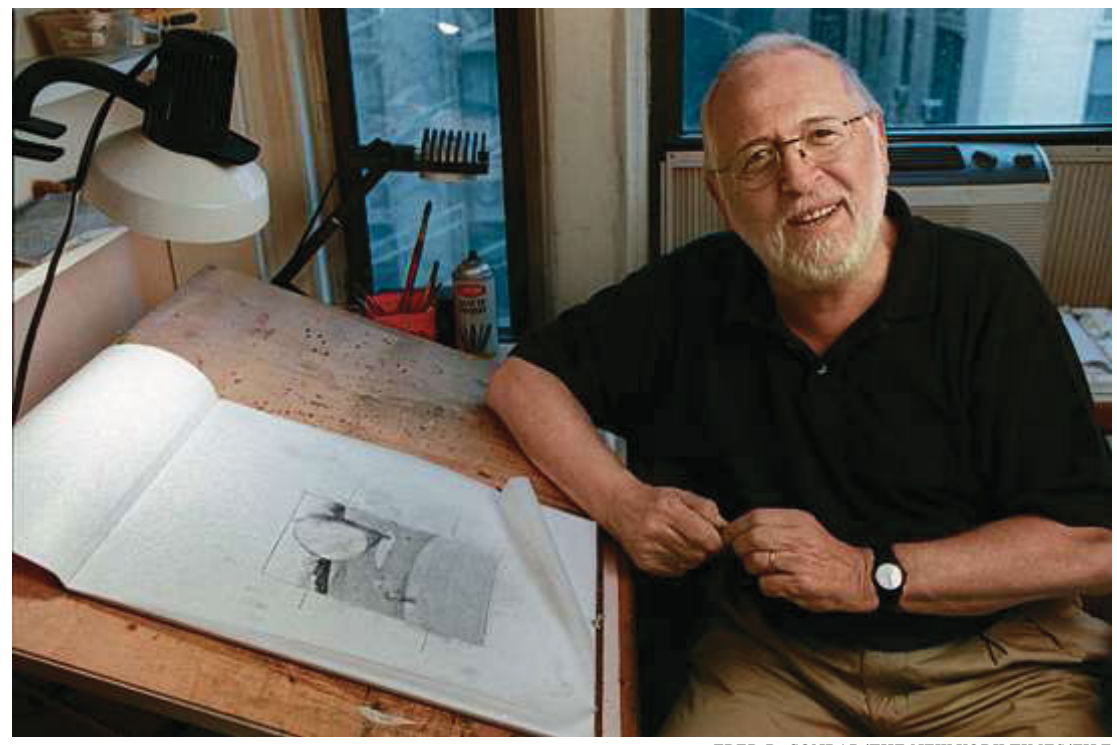
She continued to work for Jobs, while saying little publicly about his health problems, until his death in 2011, and then worked for Tim Cook, his successor, until she retired in 2014.

One measure of her influence was a headline in Macworld magazine: "Apple PR's Cotton departs: What it could mean for the press."

Ms. Cotton is survived by her mother; a daughter, Isabelle Mimeles; a son, Ethan Mimeles; her partner, Jim Wells; her sisters, Lori Ann David and Patty Stewart; and her brother, Richard Cotton.

Bruce McCall, satirical 'retrofuture' illustrator, at 87

By William Grimes
NEW YORK TIMES



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Bruce McCall, at his home studio in Manhattan in 1997, died Friday.

Bruce McCall, whose satirical illustrations for National Lampoon and The New Yorker conjured up a plutocratic dream world of luxury zeppelin travel, indoor golf courses, and cars such as the Bulgemobile Airdreme, died Friday in the New York City borough of the Bronx. He was 87.

His wife, Polly, said his death, at Calvary Hospital, was caused by Parkinson's disease.

Borrowing from the advertising style seen in magazines such as Life, Look and Collier's in the 1930s and '40s, Mr. McCall depicted a luminous fantasyland filled with airplanes, cars and luxury liners of his own creation. It was a world populated by carefree millionaires who expected caviar to be served in the stations of the fictional Fifth Avenue Subway and car washes to spray their limousines with Champagne.

"My work is so personal and so strange that I have to invent my own lexicon for it," Mr. McCall said in a TED Talk in 2008. He called it "retrofuturism," which he defined as "looking back to see how yesterday viewed tomorrow."

To readers of The New Yorker, which ran more than 75 of his gouache-on-paper paintings as covers beginning in 1993, his visual signature and comic universe were as recognizable as those of the magazine's cartoonists Charles Addams and Roz Chast.

A wider audience knew Mr. McCall through the collections "Bruce McCall's Zany Afternoons" (1982), "The Last Dream-o-Rama: The Cars Detroit Forgot to Build, 1950-1960" (2001) and "All Meat Looks Like South America: The World of Bruce McCall" (2003).

He was "our country's greatest unacknowledged design visionary," critic and graphic designer Michael Bierut wrote in Design Observer in 2005, "the visual poet of American gigantism."

Bruce Paul Gordon McCall was born May 10, 1935, in Simcoe, Ontario, to Thomas Cameron and Helen Margaret (Gilbertson) McCall. His father, who was known as T.C., was a civil servant and later Chrysler's public relations manager in Canada. His mother was a homemaker.

Bruce grew up with five siblings in a home tightly circumscribed by T.C.'s paltry salary and the dour provincialism of Simcoe, in the southwest corner of the province, not far from Lake Erie. This childhood purgatory provided the material for his 1997 memoir, "Thin Ice: Coming of Age in Canada." A second memoir, "How Did I Get Here?," was published in 2020.

The family's relocation to Toronto, in 1947, did little to change Mr. McCall's feelings about his native country, which he later satirized in a feature for National Lampoon, "The Shame of the North: Life in a Canadian Border Town." It showed, on a supposedly dissolute strip, derelicts swigging maple syrup and louche emporiums promising such forbidden pleasures as "live, hatless girls."

American popular culture sparked his imagination, especially the magazines and their advertising, which transmitted "messages of tomorrow in steel and chrome," he wrote in "Thin Ice."

After dropping out of high school in Windsor, where the family had moved in 1953, Mr. McCall found work at a local agency that turned out advertisements for Dodge and DeSoto. "The Detroit products at the time — those behemoths — were so awful that I found them funny and ridiculous," he told The New Yorker in 2002. "So the roots of satire were planted very early."

He was hired in 1959 by A.V. Roe & Co. in Toronto to retouch photos of pots and pans for its catalogs. A year later, his fortunes improved, marginally, when publishing company Maclean-Hunter hired him to churn out brief articles for trade magazines such as Pit & Quarry. He loathed the job.

In desperation, Mr. McCall, a sports car enthusiast, collaborated with a friend to start a magazine, Canadian Driver. It lasted only one issue, but it led to a writing job at Canada Track & Traffic, where Mr. McCall soon became editor in chief.

His first crack at the American dream came in 1962, when David Davis, head of the Campbell-Ewald agency in Detroit, which had Chevrolet as a major account, hired him to write ad copy for Corvettes and Corvairs. It was the springboard to a flourishing career in New York, where he initially worked on Ford advertising at J. Walter Thompson. Later, at Ogilvy & Mather, Mr. McCall was put in charge of advertising for Mercedes-Benz; for several years, he ran the agency's office in Frankfurt, Germany.

In 1970, Mr. McCall and his friend Brock Yates, editor of Car and Driver, invented a series of mythical airplanes, among them the Humbley-Pudge Gallipoli Heavyish Bomber, for which they wrote pseudoscholarly historical notes. Playboy bought the idea, assigned Mr. McCall to do the illustrations and ran the collaboration in January 1971 under the title "Major Howdy Bixby's Album of Forgotten Warbirds." It went on to win Playboy's annual humor award.

"This went to my head — in fact rearranged its contents," Mr. McCall told Macmillan in an interview for its website in 2008. "On the basis of that one fluke success, I now felt entitled to see myself as a working professional humorist."

After returning from Germany, he headed for the offices of National Lampoon with a catalog for the mythical 1958 Bulgemobile. The magazine offered him a contract to illustrate 25 pages a year. He was soon delivering spreads on the luxury liner Tyrannic ("So safe that she carries no insurance") and blueblood sports such as tank polo and zeppelin shooting. "Popular Workbench," a series based on his large collection of 1930s popular science magazines, offered such innovations as a 4,000-horsepower diesel typewriter weighing more than 3 tons.

Mr. McCall wrote for "The National Lampoon Radio Hour" and put in a brief, unhappy stint as a writer for "Saturday Night Live" in the late 1970s before returning to advertising. He joined the McCaffrey & McCall agency (cofounded by an unrelated McCall), which had just landed the Mercedes account. After several years as creative director for Mercedes advertising, he was named executive vice president and creative director of the agency. He left in 1993.

By then, his career as a writer and illustrator had taken off. Infatuated with The New Yorker since childhood, Mr. McCall submitted a humor article for the magazine's "Shouts and Murmurs" department in 1980, the first of more than 80 to be published over the next 40 years. After Tina Brown became editor in 1992, his illustrations appeared regularly on the magazine's cover and in the back of the book.

Many of his illustrations were on view in 2021 at the New-York Historical Society in the exhibition "The Fantastic City: Bruce McCall's New York." He had long worked from his home on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by their daughter, Amanda; two brothers, Walter and Michael; and a sister, Christine Jerome.

Mr. McCall wrote the children's book "Marveltown" (2008) and provided the illustrations for "The Steps Across the Water," a 2010 children's book by New Yorker writer Adam Gopnik. He went on to collaborate with David Letterman in 2013 on a lavishly illustrated skewering of the American superrich, "This Land Was Made for You and Me (But Mostly Me): Billionaires in the Wild."

Wolfgang Schivelbusch, polymathic cultural historian who worked in Germany, US

By Sam Roberts
NEW YORK TIMES

Ever wonder why railroad tracks in America meander but English tracks ordinarily run straight? What was the traditional breakfast drink in Europe before coffee came along? How did the introduction of gas mains transform family life? Why did the Confederate battle flag become so enduring a symbol? Who was missing when the US military ceremonially declared victory in Iraq?

For four decades, Wolfgang Schivelbusch, a polymathic cultural historian, feasted on those and other brainteasers as he explored mass transportation, spices and stimulants, commercial lighting, and the legacy of defeat on society in about a dozen groundbreaking books.

He wrote them in his native German (most were translated into English) from his New York City apartment, where he spent winters, and his home in Berlin, where he died in a hospital March 26 at 81. His death was not widely reported outside Europe.

His wife, Helma von Kieseritzky, said the cause was bacterial meningitis complicated by sepsis, COVID-19, and pneumonia.

"He was an extraordinary public intellectual, an independent largely unaffiliated wildly poly-curious and extravagantly gifted seeker after the patterns and idiosyncrasies of history," author Lawrence Wechsler wrote after Mr. Schivelbusch's death to members of the New York Institute for the Humanities, where Wechsler was a director and Mr. Schivelbusch a fellow.

Die Zeit, the German national weekly, called Mr. Schivelbusch a "master of cultural-historical research."

Among his books are "The Railway Journey: The Industrialization of Time and Space in the Nineteenth Century" (1977), "Tastes of Paradise: A Social History of Spices, Stimulants, and Intoxicants" (1980), "Disenchanted Night: The Industrialization of Light in the Nineteenth Century" (1983), "The Culture of Defeat: On National Trauma, Mourning, and Recovery" (2001), and "Three New Deals: Reflections on Roosevelt's America, Mussolini's Italy, and Hitler's Germany, 1933-1939" (2005).

His conversational memoir of commuting between two continents, "The Other Side: Living and Researching Between New York and Berlin," was published in 2021.

Mr. Schivelbusch's pithy and provocative books won praise from academics for microscopically connecting history with quotidian life. But, unusual for a public (if unpretentious) intellectual, he also attracted a wider audience that, captivated by his quirky curiosity, joined him on his exploits — even if, unlike Indiana Jones's, those exploits were largely confined to libraries.

His book about railways won the German Non-Fiction Prize in 1978. In 2003, the Academy of Arts in Berlin awarded him the Heinrich Mann Prize. In 2013, he won the Lessing Prize of the City of Hamburg for achievements in German culture.

Wolfgang Walter Schivelbusch was born Nov. 26, 1941, to Helmet Ludolf and Waldtraut Erika Schivelbusch in the Wilmersdorf borough of Berlin. His father was a businessman, his mother a homemaker.

He studied literature, philosophy, and sociology in Berlin and Frankfurt, Germany, under Theodor Adorno and Peter Szondi in the late 1960s. He received his higher education during a period of turbulent student protests against the constraints of post-World War II society and US involvement in the Vietnam War.

He earned his doctorate under Hans Mayer from the Free University of Berlin in the early 1970s; his thesis was on the socialist drama of Berthold Brecht. His intellectual fathers also included Walter Benjamin, Norbert Elias, and Siegfried Kracauer.

Mr. Schivelbusch operated for most of his career as a private scholar, free from academic constraints but dependent on grants and book advances. He conducted research for his memoir at the Max Planck Institute for History in Gottingen from 1995 to 2000. He was a senior fellow at the Leibniz Center for Literary and Cultural Research after he returned permanently to Germany in 2014.

He visited the United States shortly after Richard Nixon was elected president in 1968, seeking to determine whether the nation was on the verge of a dangerous swing to the right. He returned in 1973 to research his book on railroads, beginning his annual winter residency in New York.

Attracted by, among other things, the freedom of roaming through the stacks at New York University and New York's public libraries, Mr. Schivelbusch would work in New York from November to May, then spend the other five months in an apartment in Berlin's Westend or at a country retreat in a converted smithy in Blankenberg, a village of about 60 residents 55 miles northwest of Berlin, with his wife, von Kieseritzky, a prominent bookseller.

In addition to her, he is survived by a brother, Klaus.

For several decades Mr. Schivelbusch plumbed mysteries that most people would never have even noticed. Among his findings:

Railroad tracks run straighter in England because labor in America was more expensive, so it was cheaper just to lay tracks around natural obstacles like hills and rivers.

In Europe, beer soup (heat eggs, butter, and salt, then add them to beer and pour over pieces of a roll or white bread) was the breakfast drink of choice before it was replaced by coffee in the 18th century.

Gas mains changed family life because they eliminated the hearth as the focus of family life by giving individuals personal light. They also helped replace private enterprise through the granting of municipal or regional gas monopolies.

Immigrant laborers and farmers introduced the St. Andrew's Cross to the Confederate flag, and the Highlanders' burning cross was adopted as a symbol by the Ku Klux Klan. Speaking of the post-Civil War American South, Mr. Schivelbusch told Cabinet magazine in 2006 that "romanticizing of defeat can become much more powerful than any romanticizing of victory," in part because "after any victory, the victorious party does not know what to do, other than to distribute the spoils."

"The South," he wrote, "transformed the distinction between failure on the battlefield and moral superiority into the central dogma of its new identity."

As for the Iraq War, Mr. Schivelbusch marveled that the ceremonial surrender took place without a key participant: the losers.

"Clearly that scene was, consciously or not, a scene of ersatz surrender, for the simple reason that the defeated regime had vanished without a trace," he wrote in a New York Times opinion essay in 2003. "The victors, deprived of their surrender-trophy, were left empty-handed.

"You cannot eat your enemy," he concluded, "and have him, too."

Mr. Schivelbusch's capacious curiosity sometimes prompted questions that he felt compelled to answer, and at other times suggested answers to questions that he hadn't yet asked.

His objective, German scholar Eva Geulen wrote recently on the Leibniz Center's blog, was "not to repeat what was already known, but to make the little-known or unknown better known."

"His feeling for the neglected detail," Geulen wrote, "was due to an individual sensitivity for the concrete, from which no rules were to be followed."

"His subjects found him," she added, "not the other way around."

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'[It] is really important to just continue to keep the team focused . . . — eye on the prize right now.'

JASON ROBINS, *DraftKings chief executive*

CHARLES KRUPA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A DraftKings sign outside Fenway Park featured former Bruin Zdeno Chara, one of the local sports stars in an ad campaign.

DraftKings on a hot streak

Stock soars on expanded online betting and revenue increase of 84 percent

By Aaron Pressman
GLOBE STAFF

The start of mobile betting in Massachusetts — along with increased wagering in other states — helped DraftKings post better first-quarter results than Wall Street analysts expected. The Boston-based company's stock jumped as much as 19 percent in Friday trading.

DraftKings said first-quarter revenue increased 84 percent to $770 million, more than the $700 million analysts expected. And an adjusted loss per share of 51 cents was 31 percent less than a year ago and 25 cents per share better than analysts forecast. The company also raised the high end of its revenue forecast for 2023 to $3.24 billion from $3.05 billion.

DraftKings shares hit a high of $25.33 in midday trading on Friday, up 19 percent and more than double the 2022 year-end price of $11.39. The stock closed at $24.58, up 15 percent.

In Massachusetts, which opened betting on mobile devices on March 10, DraftKings has acquired 6 percent of potential customers in the state so far, gaining new business at a faster rate than in some prior states. The company credited its growing reputation due to national advertising campaigns and reduced competition from some rivals that have cut back activity due to losses.

Chief executive Jason Robins said DraftKings' ad campaign, which featured local sports stars such as David Ortiz and Aly Raisman, emphasized that the company was the hometown choice for betting.

"In New England, in particular, we tend to love our own here," the CEO said on a Friday call with analysts. "So we feel like that was a really good angle for this market, and it worked."

Analysts asked Robins if the company planned to accelerate growth by acquiring a competitor or offering betting in other countries, but he said no.

"What we're doing is working, and companies all the time make mistakes by getting distracted when they have something that's really working instead of just focusing," Robins said on the call. "I think that's something that we feel is really important to just continue to keep the team focused on — eye on the prize right now."

Robins also hinted that the company might become profitable on an adjusted basis sooner than previously forecast. The company has said it will be cash flow positive excluding costs such as stock-based compensation and income taxes in 2024.

Analyst Bernard McTernan at Needham & Co. teed up a question for Robins: "Now that you've posted back-to-back quarters of really strong results on profitability, any changes to thoughts on long-term profitability or maybe getting to those long-term targets sooner?" the analyst asked.

Robins said his answer would have to wait for later this year. "We are planning on covering that at the [next] investor day," the CEO said. "So I'll hold off on comment on that until then, but we will certainly have more to say."

In a report on the first-quarter earnings, McTernan wrote that DraftKings was "continuing to provide encouraging data points for the future profitability of the enterprise."

Analyst Robert Fishman at SVB MoffettNathanson agreed. "After working to right size expenses while still managing to drive robust revenue growth, it seems to us that DraftKings has a solid path to keep building upon its recent momentum," Fishman wrote in a report on Friday.

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Beverly students win top prize in world robotics competition

By Hannah Nguyen
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

A Beverly school robotics team is ending its high school chapter with a prestigious world robotics competition prize in hand.

Wolfpack Machina, the varsity robotics team at the Waring School, recently won the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship Inspire Award, which is the competition's top honor and recognizes excellence in robot design and teamwork. The team at the coed private middle and high school also attained the highest offensive power ranking (OPR) in the world, and won its divisional championship and the divisional Inspire Award at the competition.

The team, made up of 11 seniors and one junior, includes Thomas Davis, Alma Power, Olga Gadmer Langman, Owen Cooper, Chris Douglas, Olive Sauder, Amelia Wyler, Charlie Pound, Kaden Cassidy, Collin Keegan, Peter Hannah, and Owen Reimold.

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, or FIRST, is an international organization for students ages 4-18 who are involved in mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, while promoting self-confidence, communication, and leadership. The FIRST Championship, an annual competition, was held in Houston this year.

Each year, FTC teams build and program a robot no larger than 18 in any dimension. At the competition, the robots play against each other in matches that change every year. This year's challenge was to pick up cones and score by placing them on various poles.

Wolfpack Machina was one of four Massachusetts FTC teams to compete at the world competition. The team wowed the judges with a 15-page summary of its work, a strong robot performance, and an interview about their robot's design, testing, code, as well as its outreach efforts and work with STEM experts.

Its outreach initiatives are an effort to bring opportunities to underserved communities, Douglas said. The team worked with Everett Public School STEM director Rupi Kaur, as well as the superintendent, to launch five FLL teams in Everett. They paid the fees and robot costs for those teams, trained the coaches, and attended practices to work directly with team members.

The team also established 35 FIRST Lego League (FLL) teams in Rwanda after Wyler moved there during her fall 2022 semester. She worked with UNESCO, the Rwanda government, and other partners to get Rwandan FLL recognized by FIRST as its own FLL region. In March, Rwanda held its first FLL Championship, which Wyler organized. There were over 700 attendees, including several cabinet ministers from Rwanda and Botswana.

GREG POWER

The Wolfpack Machina team from the Waring School in Beverly celebrated at the FIRST Tech Challenge world championships.

"It would not have worked if Amelia had not moved to Rwanda to do this personally," said team coach Francis Schaeffer. "This was every day, all day for a semester at least, plus lots of work when she came back to make sure that the national championship would come off."

Schaeffer, chair of the Science, Engineering, and Technology Department at Waring, founded the FTC team in 2020, three years after he helped found Waring's FLL team, the Brickwolves, which qualified for the FIRST World Championship two years in a row and had the highest scoring robot game in the world in the 2019-2020 season. Almost all of the members of Wolfpack Machina were previously on the FLL team.

Winning the Inspire Award is a culmination of the outreach they've worked on since they began working as a team, Gadmer Langman said.

"It's incredibly rewarding because it wasn't even the work we put in this year. It's the work we've put in and the time we spent together for the past six years," Gadmer Langman added.

Soon, the team members will be graduating high school. Some plan to attend an engineering school or take a gap year to work on the project in Rwanda.

"It's really something to watch a kid go from being 12 and figure something out that you really understand and you can teach them to them being an expert to the level where I do not understand what they're doing anymore," Schaeffer said.

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LARRY EDELMAN

TRENDLINES

US job machine keeps on cranking

Employers added 253,000 workers, unemployment rate dipped to 3.4 percent

The US job market just won't quit.

The economy has created 4.7 million jobs since the Federal Reserve began jacking up interest rates in March 2022. While the Fed's main lending rate has increased by 5 percentage points, unemployment is lower than it was before COVID.

The latest evidence of resilience: Employers added 253,000 jobs in April, the Labor Department said on Friday, and the jobless rate dipped to 3.4 percent from 3.5 percent the previous month.

The report shows that the economy remains in good shape even as many forecasters expect a recession over the next 12 months. So far, employers haven't been overly spooked by those forecasts, a possible cut in bank lending, or the prospect of the US government defaulting on its debt.

It also underscores Fed chair Jerome Powell's view that despite some easing in inflation, the tight job market means it's unlikely that the central bank can start reducing interest rates any time soon. He also reiterated that a recession wasn't inevitable.

JIM WATSON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

President Joe Biden carried take-out food from Taqueria Habaneros with Vice President Kamala Harris to mark Cinco de Mayo. The hospitality sector continued to show strong job growth.

The Fed raised rates again on Wednesday — by a quarter of percentage point — and signaled that it may pause to see whether the effects of its actions, and turmoil in the banking industry, will further slow growth in consumer prices. It's walking a fine line: tightening credit to cool the economy without tightening too hard and causing millions of job losses.

Friday's report included signs that the job market is losing steam.

The Labor Department revised downward its estimate for new jobs in February and March. Hiring slowed to an average of 285,000 jobs a month this year from 354,00 in the last six months of 2022. Employment was little changed in construction, manufacturing, and wholesale trade and retail trade in April.

And the labor force, or the number of people with a job or looking for one, declined. However, participation by workers in the key 25-54 age segment rose.

"There's no doubt that the labor market is still strong, but there has been a slight slowdown this year," said Daniel Altman, chief economist at staffing firm Instawork.

Investors cheered the jobs news, sending stock prices sharply higher after four straight days of losses driven by falling bank stocks.

"For now, this report is another sign that the Fed hasn't broken the economy yet," Callie Cox, a US investment analyst at financial services firm eToro, told Bloomberg.

Other highlights of the report:

■ Employment continued to move higher in professional and business services, health care, leisure and hospitality, and social assistance.

■ Growth in average hourly wages ticked up to 4.4 percent from a year ago after easing in March. "Wage growth remains elevated and well above a rate that would be consistent with the Fed's 2 percent inflation target," said Lydia Boussour, senior economist at consulting firm EY-Parthenon.

■ The jobless rate among Black Americans fell to 4.7 percent in April, its lowest level ever. The gap in employment between Black workers and white workers is now the smallest on record.

A healthy job market is good news. But it complicates the Fed's efforts to take the air out of inflation, which continues to run at unhealthy rates.

The waiting game continues.

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BY: Gina Fiandaca, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Jonathan L. Gulliver, Highway Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

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LAND COURT
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22 SM 003897
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Mary Clark

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

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Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 19, 2022.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
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(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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22 SM 003766
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:Jason Moore

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

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a copy of your answer to the complaint for divorce filed on 12/06/2022. which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the fearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to lhe complaint in the office of the Register of this Court al the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: December 19, 2022

Notice is hereby given that a virtual Community Outreach Meeting for Uma Flowers Waltham LLC, a proposed Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment, is scheduled for Thursday May 25, 2023 at 6:00pm ET.

The meeting can be joined via ZOOM with the information below:
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Please visit our website to learn more about Uma Flowers at www.UmaFlowers.co.

The proposed Adult-Use Marijuana Dispensary is anticipated to be located at 196 Bear Hill Road, Waltham, MA. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. Questions can also be emailed in advance to Priyanka@UmaFlowers.co

The City Council of the City known as the City of Watertown hereby gives notice of a public hearing and vote on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown MA on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing City Council Salaries as follows:
Whereas, Section 2-3(a) of the City of Watertown Home Rule Charter provides that the City Council may, by ordinance, provide an annual salary for its members.
Now Therefore be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the Council hereby establishes the City Council Salaries as follows:
Effective January 1, 2024, the salaries of the City Council shall be established as follows:
Councilor - $8,700 per annum.
Council President - $12,000 per annum
and be it further Ordained as follows:
Effective January 1, 2025, the salaries of the City Council shall be established as follows:
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A copy of the Ordinance may be viewed at the City Council Office, Monday-Friday, 10AM-2PM.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of Primary PDC, Inc. In The Court Of Chancery Of The State Of Delaware C.A. No. 2023-0473-MTZ. Petitioner G1AC, LLC, represented by the law offices of Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP in Wilmington, Delaware hereby gives notice that it has filed a Petition for Appointment of Receiver Pursuant to 8 Del. C. § 279 in the Court of Chancery of Delaware on the basis that the appointment of a receiver on behalf of Primary PDC, Inc., a dissolved Delaware corporation, is warranted so that Primary PDC, Inc. can recover certain tax assets. Petitioner has received Court authorization to serve Primary PDC, Inc., a dissolved Delaware corporation, via publication (pursuant to 10 Del. C. § 3111(b)). Any parties having an interest in this proceeding may contest the Petition by filing an answer in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware within twenty (20) days after publication of this notice.

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Mass. makes case to host US health research hub

By Jon Chesto
GLOBE STAFF

As the Celtics battle the Philadelphia 76ers through the second round of the NBA playoffs, another Massachusetts team is competing in a different kind of tournament.

For this one, the prize is a coveted hub for a new federal health research agency, dubbed ARPA-H. A firm representing Governor Maura Healey's administration and the state's life sciences cluster filed its pitch with ARPA-H last month. State officials expect to learn next week if they make it to the next round, which will involve site visits to the semifinalists.

State officials aren't sharing the details of their bid, saying this is competitive info that could hurt their chances to win. But they've assuredly highlighted the strengths of the Massachusetts life sciences sector — all the biotechs, research hospitals, universities, and venture capitalists, primarily in and around Boston and Cambridge. Leaders in the region's health care and biotech industries are helping with the pitch. There really is no other place in the country, their argument goes, that's as strong as Massachusetts when it comes to this kind of research.

The race began informally a year ago after Congress set aside funds to launch the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health — or ARPA-H, as it's known. It's modeled after DARPA, the renowned research arm of the Defense Department. And it's aimed at solving tough health problems such as curing cancer or Alzheimer's — particularly with high-risk, high-reward approaches. Last May, then-governor Charlie Baker, UMass president Marty Meehan, Representative Richard Neal and other luminaries gathered at the UMass Club to map out a strategy to bring ARPA-H here.

The game plan shifted after Congress directed ARPA-H, which has a budget of $2.5 billion through fiscal 2025, to be split up geographically. Now there will be three hubs instead of one. The administrative hub will be located in the D.C. area. There will also be a hub that focuses on improving the customer experience of health care and an "investor catalyst" hub that helps researchers bring bold ideas to market.

The Massachusetts team wants to win the investor catalyst hub — more specifically, a contract with a consortium management firm, representing the local life sciences industry and institutional players, to operate the hub. It would be relatively small — several dozen people and maybe some labs. Program managers would help distribute and shepherd funds to various private-sector partners.

Ed Coppinger, head of government affairs at the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, says opening the investor catalyst hub here would make it more likely that a significant chunk of ARPA-H's billions comes to local researchers, while also boosting the prestige of the state's already-famous life sciences industry. ARPA-H is asking bidders to take a "hub and spoke" approach — the spokes being the research partners. With the Massachusetts bid, the hub would be in Greater Boston but these "spokes" could involve research in labs across the country.

To US Representative Jake Auchincloss, landing the ARPA-H hub will make the local life sciences ecosystem even stronger, by bringing more super-smart people into the region to bounce ideas off one another. In particular, Auchincloss hopes ARPA-H researchers can develop cutting edge tools and protocols that can expedite the drug discovery process, getting more life-changing cures to more patients while saving money and time for a wide range of companies.

So who is Massachusetts up against? In Texas, the cities of Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio teamed up for a joint bid, proposing a customer experience hub in Dallas. Rivals could also emerge from states such as North Carolina and California.

Those who make it past the site visit round will have until early July to submit full proposals. Unlike with the NBA championship series, we won't learn until September whether the Massachusetts team in the ARPA-H playoffs will go all the way.

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Index of publicly traded companies in Massachusetts

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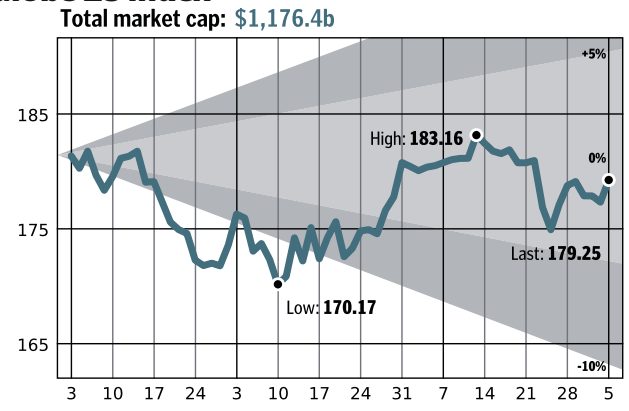
Total market cap: $1,176.4b



Yesterday 179.25 ▲ 1.93 ▲ 1.1% ▲ YTD 2.3%

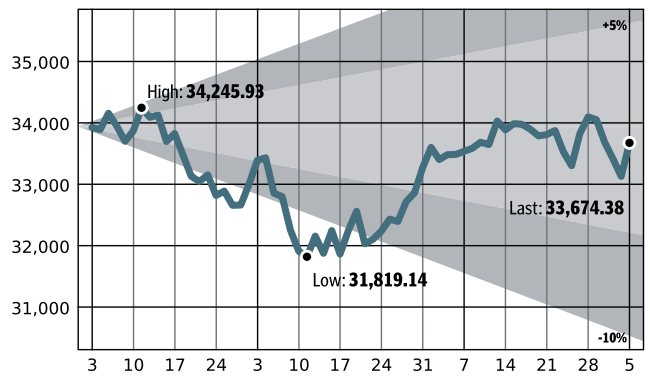
	Price	Chg	% chg	Market cap (bil.)
Thermo Fisher Sci (TMO)	546.38	+0.74	+0.1	210.8
General Electric (GE)	100.24	+0.92	+0.9	109.2
Analog Devices (ADI)	183.39	+2.06	+1.1	92.8
American Tower Corp (AMT)	196.75	+2.35	+1.2	91.7
TJX Cos Inc (TJX)	78.50	+1.43	+1.9	90.4
Vertex Pharma (VRTX)	348.09	+1.50	+0.4	89.7
Boston Scientific (BSX)	51.54	-0.40	-0.8	74.1
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	137.04	+2.71	+2.0	52.2
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	33.23	+0.74	+2.3	46.6
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	318.06	+4.49	+1.4	46.0
Eversource (ES)	77.44	+0.72	+0.9	27.0
Alnylam Pharma (ALNY)	212.05	+6.66	+3.2	26.4
Insulet Corp (PODD)	328.76	+6.53	+2.0	22.9
State Street Corp (STT)	68.50	+1.64	+2.5	22.9
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	444.21	-4.64	-1.0	22.1
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	83.74	+1.29	+1.6	20.6
Waters Corp (WAT)	296.79	+0.79	+0.3	17.5
Iron Mountain (IRM)	56.39	+0.75	+1.3	16.4
PerkinElmer Inc (PKI)	129.87	-1.26	-1.0	16.4
PTC (PTC)	129.06	+3.84	+3.1	15.3
LPL Financial (LPLA)	190.82	+9.87	+5.5	14.8
Teradyne Inc (TER)	92.63	+2.65	+2.9	14.4
Akamai (AKAM)	78.56	+1.52	+2.0	12.3
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc (SRPT)	131.00	+0.83	+0.6	12.2
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	78.77	+4.08	+5.5	11.8

Markets

Apple's profit news sparks rally

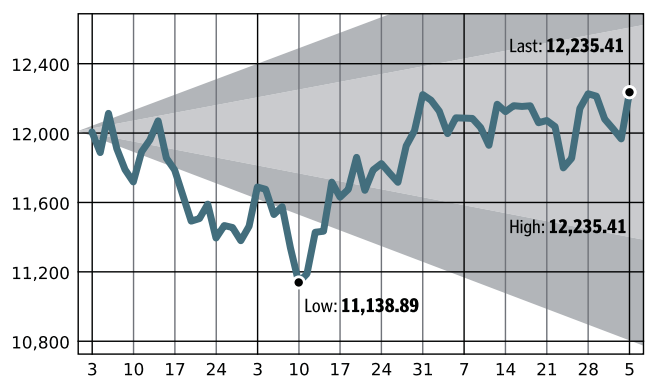
NEW YORK — Apple was at the head of a widespread rally on Wall Street Friday after the market's most influential company reported a better profit than expected. Stocks of beaten-down banks also leapt to recover a smidgen of their sharp losses from a brutal week. Treasury yields jumped in the bond market after a report showed hiring accelerated across the economy by much more than expected last month. The US government's jobs report also showed workers won bigger pay raises in April than expected. While that's good news, particularly when many economists fear a recession may arrive this year, the data also raises worries inflation may stay high and push the Federal Reserve to keep interest rates higher. That in turn would keep the pressure up on an already slowing economy. The data did little to narrow the extremely wide range of possibilities for the economy that investors are forecasting for the economy, from a painful recession to a soft landing, said Bill Northey, senior investment director at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "Today's jobs report likely gave both the bulls and the bears something to anchor around," he said. ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOW JONES industrial average



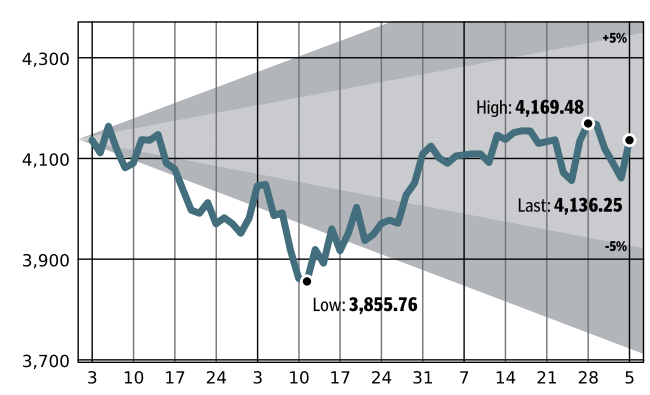
Yesterday 33,674.38 ▲ 546.64 ▲ 1.7% ▲ YTD 1.6%

NASDAQ Composite index



Yesterday 12,235.41 ▲ 269.01 ▲ 2.2% ▲ YTD 16.9%

S&P 500 index



Yesterday 4,136.25 ▲ 75.03 ▲ 1.8% ▲ YTD 7.7%

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CRABGRASS by Tauhid Bondia

FBI OPEN UP!
THIS IS IT! YOU RUN! I'LL HOLD 'EM OFF!
BANG BANG
RUN WHERE?!
BANG BANG
JUST HEAD SOUTH! DON'T STOP 'TIL YOU HIT MEXICO!
I DON'T WANNA LIVE IN MEXICO!

ZITS by Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

WHAT ARE YOU DOING UNDER THERE, DAD?
FIXING A LEAK.
HAND ME THE THREE-EIGHTHS.
HOW DO YOU HAND SOMEONE A FRACTION?
THE WRENCH, JEREMY!

PLUGGERS by Rick McKee

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pluggermail@aol.com
OH, NO, NOT ANOTHER ONE!
Thanks to Julie Beutler Meadow Grove, Nebraska
You're a plugger when you start getting walk-in bathtub ads on your phone.

DOONESBURY by Garry Trudeau

HEY, B.D.! COME SAY HELLO TO MY NEPHEW ZIPPER!
YOUR NEPH- EW!
WOW... LEGEND- ARY NIKE COACH B.D.!
ZIPPER'S A FROSH. HE'S GOING TO BE PLAYING FOR YOU AND THE BIG SWOOSH THIS FALL!
THAT'S FUNNY— I DON'T REMEMBER RECRUITING YOU.
YOU DIDN'T! I'M A WALK-ON SENSATION, JUST LIKE MY UNCLE ZONKER WAS IN OLDEN TIMES!
THANKS FOR WARN- ING ME.
WOW! I JUST CHATTED WITH LEGENDARY NIKE COACH B.D.!
NICE JOB, ZIP!

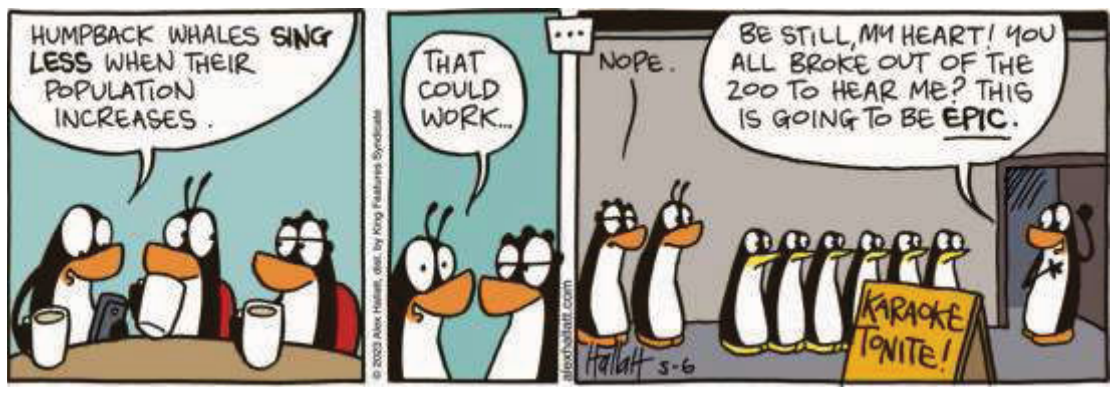
DUSTIN by Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker

YOU MIGHT LIKE THESE NEW EARBUDS...
...THEY'RE SO SMALL PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN SEE THEM.
ACTUALLY, I LIKE THE ONES EVERYONE CAN SEE SO NO ONE TALKS TO ME AT THE GYM.

RED & ROVER by Brian Basset

NOW THIS TREE HERE IS THE TREE I'VE CHASED THE MOST SQUIRRELS UP.
AND YOU'RE TELLING ME THIS BECAUSE..?
A PLAQUE AT THE BASE WOULD BE NICE.

ARCTIC CIRCLE by Alex Hallatt


HUMPBACK WHALES SING LESS WHEN THEIR POPULATION INCREASES.
THAT COULD WORK...
NOPE.
BE STILL, MY HEART! YOU ALL BROKE OUT OF THE ZOO TO HEAR ME? THIS IS GOING TO BE EPIC.
KARAOKE TONITE!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston

I WENT TO SEE GORDON, JOHN. HE SEEMS TO BE SETTLING INTO HIS APARTMENT.—I TOOK HIM A FEW THINGS.
OH, BUT HE'S SO YOUNG!!
HE'S 19, EL—JUST A YEAR OLDER THAN MICHAEL.—WE HAVE TO START THINKING OF THESE BOYS AS ADULTS NOW. WE HAVE TO START THINKING OF MICHAEL AS A MAN!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO TUCK HIM IN.
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CURTIS by Ray Billingsley

YOU HAVE CRUMBS IN YOUR SHORTS, DAD
SURE, VIDEOS MAY BE SILLY, GEEKY OR IMMATURE, BUT IT'S ALL IN FUN!
OF COURSE IT'S NOT SHAKESPEARE, BUT IN MY GENERATION, NOBODY KNOWS WHERE SHAKESPEARE EVEN IS!
"CRUMBS IN MY SHORTS"?

RHYMES WITH ORANGE by Hilary Price

ARLO & JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

DID YOU HEAR NETFLIX IS GOING TO END ITS DVD MAIL SERVICE?
I DID HEAR THAT!
REMEMBER HOW EXCITING IT WAS TO GET ONE OF THOSE RED ENVELOPES IN THE MAIL?
YES! WE'D POP POPCORN AND WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER!
STREAMING JUST ISN'T THE SAME! IT'S THE END OF AN ERA!
WE SEEM TO BE IN THE ERA TO END ALL ERAS!

UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

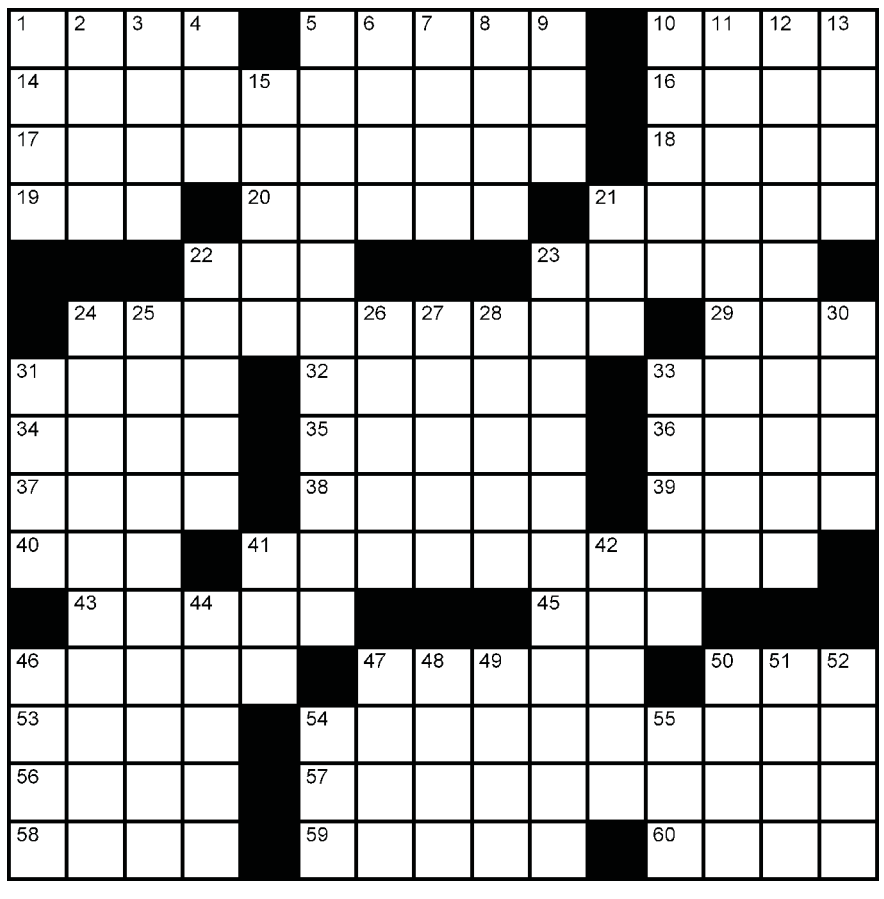
UNIVERSAL FREESTYLE 71 BY JARED GOUDSMIT | EDITED BY JARED GOUDSMIT

ACROSS

1 Professor ___ (Clue suspect)
5 Seawater
10 Leg or wing
14 Union figure?
16 Way off
17 "Four legs good, two legs bad" book
18 Small and green he is
19 "Then again ..."
20 Pancreas, e.g.
21 Beatnik's cap
22 Poehler's co-star in "Sisters"
23 Myanmar, formerly
24 "Too easy!"
29 Nile snake
31 Goatee's place
32 Island like Bikini
33 Name found within "Hot Topic"
34 Set the volume to 0
35 Congested-sounding
36 Kristen of "The Martian"
37 Chooses (to)
38 ___ brulee
39 Texting on a date, e.g.
40 "I'll pass"
41 Sarcastic "Who knew?"
43 ___ Point (Ohio theme park)
45 "Grumpy" animal in memes
46 Mr. Houdini
47 Totally swole
50 Results of some MMA punches
53 Woodwind in the "Angels in America" title song
54 Obscurer in a haunted house
56 Male pals
57 Bracing part of a morning routine
58 Unrefined sorts
59 Beds with bars
60 Leaning Tower locale

DOWN

1 Speak with the man upstairs, say
2 Annoyance at Six Flags
3 Ampere or gram
4 "The Wizard of Oz" film studio
5 Performer with good gut instincts?
6 Nickname for tennis's Nadal
7 Persepolis' land, today
8 Stereotypical D&D player
9 "Uhh ..."
10 Coat of paint
11 Gridiron arrangement named after a vowel
12 Complained loudly
13 German sausage, briefly
15 Symbol of nihilism in "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
21 Be bullish on Wall Street
22 Ticket penalties
23 Where one may pass the barre exam?
24 Latin American cryptid
25 Erupt with rage
26 Vacant look
27 Actress Parker
28 Andean animal
30 ___ stick (springing toy)
31 "Let's get moving!"
33 "Embrace your quirk!"
41 Part of LGBTQ+
42 "Down the ___!" ("Drink up!")
44 Ballroom garment
46 ___ bag (crescent-shaped purse)
47 Unrefined sort
48 Apt letters missing from "_nsi_ht_y fru_t"
49 Film buff's site
50 New Zealand bird
51 Washington bills?
52 Word sung twice after "Que"
54 TV regulator
55 Bounce



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by David L. Hoyt

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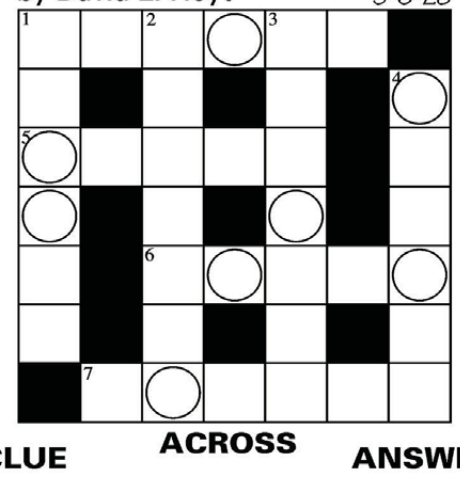

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Forgiveness	ONDPRA
5. Snort, groan	RGTUN
6. Be subjected to	CNURI
7. Fan out, arrange	POELYD

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Dove relative	NEPIGO
2. Get together again	NIEUETR
3. ___ illusion	ICLTOPA
4. Durable	RYUTSD

TRIPLE BONUS

The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Architect

CLUE: Revamp

CLUE: Acquiescent

How to play

Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the Bonus.

ANSWERS: 1A-Pardon 5A-Grunt 6A-Incur 7A-Deploy 1D-Pigeon 2D-Reunite 3D-Optical 4D-Sturdy 5-Designer 6-Redesign 7-Resigned

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Boston's forecast

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TODAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **69-74** | Clouds and sunshine; becoming warmer.
LOW **53-58** | Winds WNW 8-16 mph. Mainly clear tonight. Winds WNW 7-14 mph.

SUNDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **68-73** | Mostly sunny and comfortable; nice end to the weekend. Winds W 8-16 mph. Patchy clouds at night. Winds SW 7-14 mph.

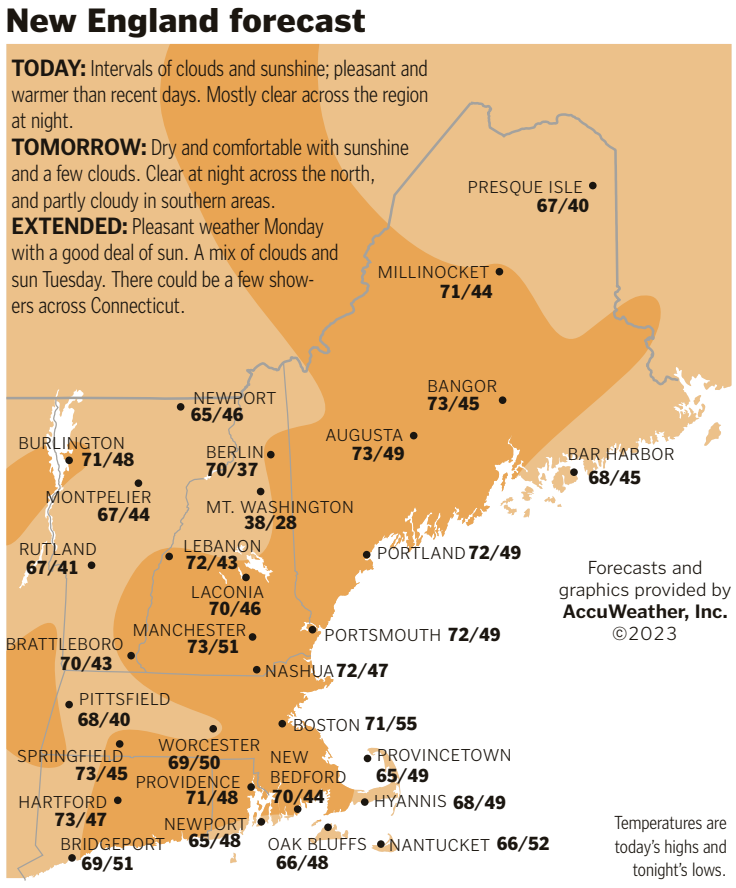
MONDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **71-76** | Pleasant with a good deal of sunshine. Winds NW 7-14 mph.
LOW **51-56** | Partly cloudy at night. Winds NNE 7-14 mph.

TUESDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **54-59** | Sun and clouds. Winds E 10-20 mph. Rather cloudy at night. Winds SW 7-14 mph.
LOW **45-50**

WEDNESDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **60-65** | Turning out mostly sunny. Winds SW 7-14 mph. Clear at night. Winds WSW 7-14 mph.
LOW **49-54**

New England forecast

TODAY: Intervals of clouds and sunshine; pleasant and warmer than recent days. Mostly clear across the region at night.
TOMORROW: Dry and comfortable with sunshine and a few clouds. Clear at night across the north, and partly cloudy in southern areas.
EXTENDED: Pleasant weather Monday with a good deal of sun. A mix of clouds and sun Tuesday. There could be a few showers across Connecticut.



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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	53°/46°
Sunrise	5:33 a.m.
Sunset	7:49 p.m.
Moonrise	9:22 p.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)

Weather	Snow and fog
Visibility	80 miles
Wind	northwest at 28 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	34/25
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	24.0"

Allergies Source: Asthma & Allergy Affiliates, Inc.

Trees	Weeds	Grass	Mold
Moderate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Yesterday's mold and spore rating.

Eastern Massachusetts air quality

GOOD 27 | MOD. | UNHEALTHY | HAZARDOUS
50 100 150 200 300

For more information on today's conditions, call the state hotline at (800) 882-1497 or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection web site www.state.ma.us/DEP

24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday)

Yesterday	0.02"	Month to date	0.27"	Year to date	14.25"
Precip days in May	5	Norm. month to date	0.55"	Norm. year to date	14.95"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	12:00	12:34
Height	10.6	9.6
Boston low	6:24	6:34
Height	-0.3	0.6
High tides		
Old Orchard ME	---	12:25
Hampton Beach NH	12:02	12:39
Plum Island	12:19	12:51
Ipswich	---	12:24

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Gloucester	12:00	12:34
Marblehead	12:00	12:34
Lynn	---	12:34
Scituate	12:05	12:38
Plymouth	12:15	12:46
Cape Cod Canal East	---	12:26
Cape Cod Canal West	11:21	
Falmouth	---	12:18

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Hyannis Port	12:56	1:45
Chatham	12:44	1:32
Wellfleet	12:14	12:48
Provincetown	12:06	12:40
Nantucket Harbor	12:57	1:45
Oak Bluffs	12:29	12:54
New Bedford	9:02	9:20
Newport RI	8:55	9:13

New England marine forecast

Small craft advisory
Gale warning Storm warning

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	W 8-16 kts.	1-3 ft.	73/55
East Cape Cod Canal	NW 7-14 kts.	1-3 ft.	69/50
Buzzards Bay	NW 7-14 kts.	1-2 ft.	70/48

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Martha's Vineyard	W 8-16 kts.	1-2 ft.	69/47
Nantucket	W 8-16 kts.	1-3 ft.	66/51
Provincetown	W 7-14 kts.	2-4 ft.	66/49

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Cities

Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

● Travel delays possible, **C** Clouds, **F** Fog, **H** Haze, **I** Ice, **Pc** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **Sh** Showers, **S** Sun, **Sn** Snow, **Fl** Flurries, **T** Thunderstorms, **W** Windy

	Today		Tomorrow	
Atlanta	76/61	Pc	82/62	T
Atlantic City	71/49	Pc	72/57	S
Charlotte	78/56	Pc	81/63	Sh
● Chicago	74/64	T	83/56	T
● Dallas	88/66	T	88/70	T
Denver	74/43	Pc	73/42	Pc
Detroit	69/52	Pc	73/56	T
● Fort Myers	91/70	T	88/69	Pc

	Today		Tomorrow	
Los Angeles	67/52	Pc	68/54	S
Miami	88/75	Pc	84/74	T
● New Orleans	81/72	T	86/74	T
New York City	71/54	Pc	72/57	S
Philadelphia	72/51	Pc	77/56	S
Phoenix	86/64	S	87/64	S
Salt Lake City	60/43	C	62/44	Sh
● San Francisco	62/50	Pc	62/52	Pc

	Today		Tomorrow	
Seattle	59/48	R	62/47	C
Washington	74/54	Pc	75/61	Pc
Beijing	75/48	Pc	80/47	C
Cancun	89/78	Pc	90/77	T
● Mexico City	82/56	Sh	82/55	Sh
Montreal	71/49	C	69/48	S
Toronto	65/48	Pc	61/50	C
● Vancouver	56/45	R	59/47	R

	Today		Tomorrow	
● Jerusalem	72/55	S	69/54	Pc
● London	59/54	R	69/52	Sh
● Moscow	46/29	Sh	49/34	C
Paris	70/56	Pc	69/49	Sh
Rome	73/53	Pc	73/57	Pc
San Juan	92/74	S	91/73	S
Stockholm	49/27	S	54/31	S
● Tokyo	77/68	C	71/51	R

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, May 6, 2023:
You are intuitive and sensitive to the feelings of those around you. You like to inspire others to live out their dreams. This is the final year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to take inventory and let go of people, places, and things from the past that have held you back.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
This is a fun-loving, playful day. Nevertheless, avoid making important financial decisions, especially about loans, mortgages, or shared property. Keep things light. Later in the day, explore new ideas, and new places, and travel if possible. Tonight: Serious discussions.
TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
Today you have to go along to get along, because cooperation with others is the key. However, agree to nothing important. Don't volunteer for anything. Enjoy socializing, as well as creative activities and fun times with others. If shopping, keep your receipts. Tonight: Check your finances.
GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
Choose to be laid-back today and take it easy. Postpone important decisions for later in the day or for tomorrow. Agree to nothing important. Instead, enjoy beautiful surroundings and exciting ideas. Conversations with others will be stimulating and thought-provoking! Tonight: Cooperate.
CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
This is a wonderful day to enjoy sports events, outdoor activities, playful times with children, and anything to do with the arts. Enjoy galleries, museums, and fun outings, especially with friends. Some of you will be involved in group activities as well, perhaps with younger people. Tonight: Get organized.
LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
You are high-viz now. You make an excellent impression on others, which is why people will seek out your company. Meanwhile, you will enjoy relaxing at home today. Later in the day, enjoy sports events and socializing with others. Romance will sparkle! Tonight: Practice.
VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
Enjoy conversing with others today. Short trips, interactions with siblings, relatives, and neighbors, and schmoozing will please you. This is a sociable day! Explore creative ideas. This is an excellent day for writers or artists of any creative discipline. Tonight: Responsibilities.
LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
Do what you can to appreciate the artistic talents of others. This will delight you today. Art galleries, museums, street fairs, and classes will be a rewarding experience for you. However, ideally, do not spend money until late in the day. Give yourself time to think about what you want to purchase. Enjoy! Tonight: Study.
SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
This is an emotional day for you, because the Moon is in your sign for the first half of the day. Later in the day (after 4:30 p.m. EDT; 1:30 p.m. PDT), you will enjoy shopping for beautiful things for yourself and for others. Quite possibly, someone will give you a gift or do a favor for you. Just say, "Thank you!" Tonight: Be prudent.
SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
You might want to spend this morning and part of the afternoon in seclusion at home or relaxing privately by yourself or behind the scenes. But later in the afternoon, after the Moon enters your sign, you will feel energized and eager to socialize with everyone! Tonight: Be aware.
CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
This is an excellent day for sports and catching up on chores and enjoying the artistic endeavors of others. Schmoozing with people of all ages will please you. Do something that relaxes or entertains you. Spend time with people you love. Tonight: Solitude.
AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
People notice you today. In fact, personal details about your private life might be made public for some reason. Later in the day, you will enjoy schmoozing and interacting with others or being involved in clubs and organizations. It's an excellent day to entertain at home. Tonight: Seek advice.
PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
You want to do something different today, which is why you will enjoy exploring new places and meeting new faces. Sports events and social outings will be excellent choices. Some of you will also enjoy entertaining at home or redecorating your digs. Enjoy your day! Tonight: Show respect.

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SUDOKU

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

South dealer — Both sides vulnerable

North
♠ 8 5
♡ Q J 7 2
♢ Q J 10 8 3
♣ 9 6

West
♠ J 9 6 3 2
♡ 6
♢ K 7 2
♣ A Q 7 3

East
♠ A 7 4
♡ 8 4 3
♢ 9 5 4
♣ 10 8 4 2

South
♠ K Q 10
♡ A K 10 9 5
♢ A 6
♣ K J 5

South	West	North	East
1 ♡	Pass	2 ♡	Pass
4 ♡	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ 3

"Simple Saturday" columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

Effective defense is impossible without counting. Besides counting declarer's distribution, high-card points and potential winners, defenders must count their own tricks.

To beat a major-suit game takes four tricks. In today's deal, West leads a spade against four hearts, and East takes the ace. Before returning partner's lead, East should think about where the defenders' four tricks will come from.

West is unlikely to have a trump trick, and though he may have a diamond trick, he can't have the A-K, not having led a diamond. So the defense will surely need one club. If South has the king of spades, they will need two.

At Trick Two, East must shift to the eight of clubs. If West has the king of spades, he will probably get it no matter what. This defense is not a sure thing: If South holds Q J 10, K 10 9 6 5, A 6, A K Q, East must return a spade instead. But that is a specific, unlikely hand for South.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ J 9 6 3 2 ♡ 6 ♢ K 7 2 ♣ A Q 7 3. Your partner opens one heart, you bid one spade and he rebids two hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner promises long hearts — at least a six-card suit — and minimum opening strength. If your hand were a bit stronger — make your spades Q-10-6-3-2 — you could justify trying for game with a bid of 2NT. With your actual hand, with no heart support, game is too unlikely to pursue. Pass.

ZIPPY "A Clothed Mind" by Bill Griffith

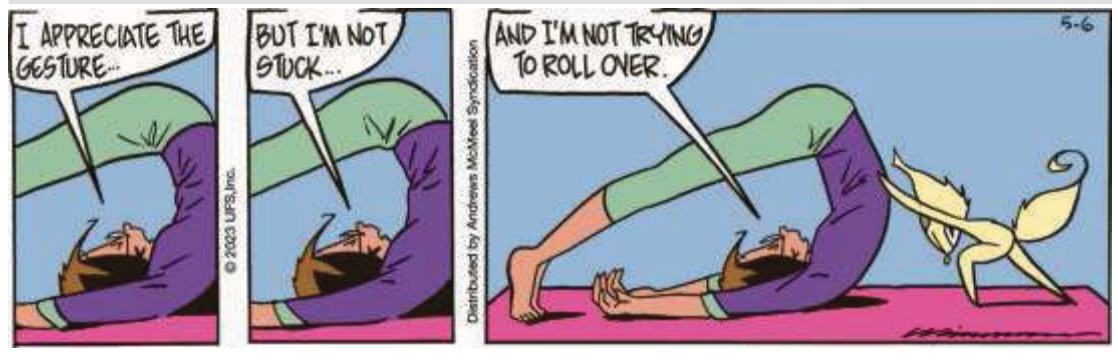
I SEE YOU ORDERED SOME VINTAGE DUDS FROM eBay YESTERDAY, CLAUDE.
IT'S GETTIN' HARDER TO LOOK SHARP IN MY SIGNATURE LOOK THESE DAYS!
DOUBLE-KNIT POLY, HUH? AND WITH LAPELS YOU COULD LAND A 747 ON--
THESE SHIRTS STILL HAVE THEIR ORIGINAL DISCO STAINS!
AREN'T YOU A LITTLE WORRIED THAT LEISURE SUITS FROM TH' '70S MIGHT BE SENDING AN OUD SIGNAL TO POTENTIAL DATES?
THESE FLOWERS ARE ACTUAL PHOTOS!
MUST WE ALL DRESS TH' SAME WAY WE DID WHEN WE WERE IN OUR TWENTIES? EVEN IF THAT CLOTHING IS NOW HIGHLY FLAMMABLE ??
IF IT WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR BOB NEWHART, IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!

ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell

THERE IT GOES. THE WINTER BLUES ARE LEAVING MY BODY.
THAT'S GREAT, BUT BE CAREFUL. MAY BOBS AND WEAVES, REMEMBER.
NAH, I'M GOOD. I'M BACK AND NOTHING CAN CHANGE THAT.
HOW ABOUT A CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS IN TWO HOURS?
YOU BOB AND I WEAVE, MAY! YOU HEAR ME?!

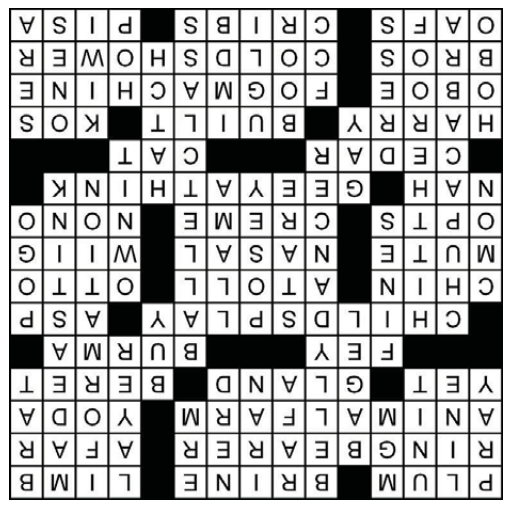
BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro

ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters

Today's Crossword Solution



Today's Sudoku Solution

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8	9	6	4	3	2	7	5	1
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3	5	1	7	8	6	4	2	9
7	6	8	2	9	4	5	1	3

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATTHEW GILBERT

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"SNL" writer Bowen Yang picketed with members of the Writers Guild of America union outside Netflix headquarters near Union Square Wednesday in New York.

Writers' strike brings end to season 48 of 'SNL'

In case you're forgetting, screenwriters are striking, which means the episode of "Saturday Night Live" scheduled for this weekend is not going to happen. Pete Davidson, an "SNL" alum who has just premiered a Peacock comedy called "Bupkis," was supposed to host.

In fact the show, which had two other episodes in the works, one with Jennifer Coolidge and Foo Fighters and the other with Kieran Culkin and Labrinth, is finished for the season. The episode with Ana De Armas from April 15 is now the season 48 finale, and NBC will fill in with reruns.

Interviewed by the Hollywood Reporter while picketing outside Netflix's Manhattan offices earlier this week, "SNL" star Bowen Yang said, "I'm really disappointed. We had a few good shows left, I think."

The "proud guild member," as he put it, also expressed sympathy for the show's newcomers: "The new cast and the new writers who started out — they didn't get a chance to ring in the end of their first season, which is always a big milestone."

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN

I've spent a lot on him

Q. I'm a widow with a teenager. Eighteen months ago, I met someone. He was incredible and everything I've always wanted. A few months after we got together, life got complicated for him. Health issues, family issues, financial issues. I tend to want to be the knight in shining armor, so I've spent a substantial amount on this person — financial help, trips, paying for our dates almost every single time.

Because of health issues, intimacy has been nonexistent for a year now. I was OK with it because there's more to life than sex. The problem is that there's no flirting, no kissing, no real intimate moments aside from holding hands. I almost have to beg for a real kiss (a peck doesn't count to me). This has an enormous impact on my self-esteem. I'm constantly thinking I'm not attractive, smart, etc. Dates feel rushed, like he can't wait to leave. It always feels like he's on a mission. He arrives, we talk, plan what restaurant, what movie, we go do our thing, and he leaves.

We see each other once a week for about four hours. He gets very upset if I say we should just be friends. I think I love this person but I am becoming sadder and very resentful. I give *alot* but it seems all I get is crumbs. I know his life isn't easy, but I don't want to be second in anyone's life. He tells me when his family situation changes (he cares for a few of his family members) our life will change. That might take three months or 10 years.

I know very well that life has no guarantees. But I am still young and healthy and I have a lot of love to give. I'm not sure what to do, as I hear from friends the dating world is a mess, and I really don't want to date.

Should I wait and take whatever little I get from him or break it off and move on? He tells me he loves me all the time and I mean a lot to him, but somehow I'm not sure if I believe it or if I'm just his cash cow. What do you advise?

RESENTFUL

A. Break up with him and move on. This isn't the relationship you want, and it hasn't been for a long time.

I can't tell you he's using you for money, but you feel that way, and that's what matters. You resent this man and believe he's rushing through your dates. He's promising a future, but you're living for now — as you should. You have no idea what he'll be like when his responsibilities change.

Do not stay with him because you fear there's no one else. You can do *a lot* more with that four hours a week.

This is the thing about breakups — only one person has to want one. He can tell you that losing you would make him sad and upset, but ... that's how these things work. Often, one party feels left behind and like it wasn't up to them. If only all endings could be mutual and amicable.

It doesn't sound like you should try to be friends after the breakup — not immediately, at least. Do not offer that as an alternative because you'll want to prioritize yourself — to get your self-esteem back. It's better as a clean break until the relationship means a bit less. Also, would he pay for friend dates? Probably not, right?

You have a lot of love to give, and I do think someone else will want it, and to reciprocate. Be your own knight in shining armor and rescue yourself.

MEREDITH

READERS RESPOND:

I don't know how only four hours a week even qualifies as a relationship. It's not even friends-with-benefits. If a man wants to be with you, he will find a way to be with you. Bottom line is: He has everything he wants right now. You don't. Breaking things off with him shouldn't be such a struggle — for either of you. There's nothing there to begin with.

SEENITTOO

You are his cash cow. You are funding his life, and he doesn't even have to touch you. He shows up for a quick date and leaves with his rent. Please dump him and start rebuilding your self-esteem.

BACKBAYBEEZUS

You can live with those memories of what was, or you can end it and move on to what might be with someone else.

RESPONDER1234

Who cares if he gets upset when you suggest you just want to be friends, and why do you even want to be friends with someone who only takes and doesn't give? Kick him to the curb. P.S. Yes, the dating scene can be a mess, but so is this one-sided relationship. P.P.S: I'm sorry about the loss of your husband.

JONRUNSGRAFTON

Consider if unresolved grief is impacting your judgment. You seem like you have a lot of empathy for people who are suffering. Not sure how your husband died, but you may be working through that and hoping you can "save" the next guy you love if he needs it. This will attract needy men or exploiters. But remember, you have been through hell as a young widow. You need a little support too! You have lots of love to give, but you need to be ready to receive equal amounts of love. I really wish you and your son well as you look forward to a brighter future

LITTLEPENGUIN456

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Movies | Sports | News | Specials

		7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30
2	WGBH PBS	The Yorkshire Vet		Call the Midwife		Tom Jones on Masterpiece (P)		Marie-Antoinette "The Ostrich"		Basic Black	Stories-Stage
4	WBZ CBS	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	NCIS "Evil Eye"		48 Hours		48 Hours		News (N)	(:35) Gourmet
5	WCVB ABC	News (N)	Chronicle	NBA (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (N) (Live)					NewsCe-nter 5 (N)	(:35) Matter
6	WLNE ABC	Paid Prog.	Inside Ed.	NBA (N)	NBA Basketball					ABC6Ne..	TheRookie
7	WHDH	Inside Ed. (N)	Funny You	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	7 News at 9PM (N)		7 News at 10PM (N)		7 News at 11PM (N)	(:35) Extra (N)
9	WMUR ABC	Chaos	Chronicle	NBA (N)	NBA Basketball					News (N)	Chaos
10	NBC Boston	(2:30) Ky. Derby (N)	USFL Football Memphis Showboats vs. Michigan Panthers From Ford Field in Detroit. (N) (Live)							News at 11 (N)	SNL
10	WJAR NBC	(2:30) Ky. Derby (N)	USFL Football Memphis Showboats vs. Michigan Panthers From Ford Field in Detroit. (N) (Live)							News (N) (Live)	SNL
11	WENH PBS	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip		Mr. Bean	The Goes	(:05) Traces		Death in Paradise		Astrid "The Haunting, Part 1"	
12	WPRI CBS	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	NCIS "Evil Eye"		48 Hours		48 Hours		12 News at 11 (N)	Recovery TV
25	WFXT FOX	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (N) (Live)						9-1-1 "Rage"		Farmer "Meet the Families"	
27	WUNI	Vecinos (N)	Vecinos (N)	Será anunciado (N)						Nosotr.	Noticiero (N) (Live)
36	WSBE PBS	Father Brown		Call the Midwife		Doc Martin "Happily Ever After"		Hope Street		Blood and Watershed	
38	WSBK	Big Bang	Big Bang	★ Blind Date ('87) Bruce Willis, John Larroquette, Kim Basinger.				CBS News Boston Now on TV38 (N)		Living	Big Bang
44	WGBX PBS	My Grandp "Emeli Sandé" (N) (SF)		American Masters "Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir"				Independ. "Matter of Mind: My ALS"		Tell Me More	HS Quiz Show
50	WWJE	Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre	Killer Kids	
56	WLVI CW	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Masters of (N)	Masters of Illusion	Weird-Funny (N)	Weird-Funny	7 News at 10PM on CW56 (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family
64	WNAC FOX	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (N) (Live)						12 News (N)	Seinfeld	Farmer "Meet the Families"	
68	WBPX ION	Law & Order: SVU "Alta Kockers"		Law & Order: SVU "Plastic"		Law & Order: SVU "Dear Ben"		Law-SVU "A Story of More Woe"		Law & Order: SVU "Part 33"	
	PREMIUM CABLE										
Cinemax		(6:20) ★ Legion ('10) Paul Bettany.		★★★ Spotlight ('15) Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo.				(:10) ★★ Lakeview Terrace ('08) Patrick Wilson, Samuel L. Jackson. (P)			
Flix		(6:10) ★★★ Citizen Ruth ('96)		★★★ The Truman Show ('98) Laura Linney, Jim Carrey.		(:45) ★★★ Big Night ('96) Ian Holm, Isabella Rossellini, Minnie Driver.				(:35) ★ Univers...	
HBO		(5:35) ★ The Hobbit: The Battle of the F...		★★★ The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring ('01) Ian McKellen, Liv Tyler, Elijah Wood. (P)						Succession	
HBO 2		(:05) ★★★ The Banshees of Inisherin ('22) Brendan Gleeson, Colin Farrell.				★★★ Ghost ('90) Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg, Patrick Swayze.				(:10) ★★ Drive Angry ('11) (P)	
Showtime		(:15) Waco: The "A Common Enemy"		Waco: The Aftermath		★★ Shooter ('07) Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.				(:05) ★★★ The Italian Job ('03)	
Showtime 2		(6:30) ★ Marvelous and the Black Hole		★★★ Everything Everywhere All at Once ('22) Stephanie Hsu, Ke Huy Quan, Michelle Yeoh.				★ Mona Lisa and the Blood Moon ('21) Kate Hudson.			
Starz!		(6:10) ★★ ATL ('06) T.I..		Blindsp-otting	Power Book II: Ghost "Sacrifice"		(:35) ★★ Escape Room ('19) Logan Miller, Taylor Russell.			(:15) ★ Escape Room: Tournamen...	
TMC		(:15) ★ Margaux ('22) Vanessa Morgan, Lochlyn Munro, Madison Pettis.				★ The Retreat ('21) Rossif Sutherland, Aaron Ashmore.		★ The Blackcoat's Daughter ('15) Emma Roberts.			
	SPORTS										
CBSSN		Sail GP: R (N)	SailGP Racing Event 11: United States, Day 1 (N)			Pickleball US Open of Pickleball-Women's and Men's Pro Doubles				Pickleball APP Tour: Sacramento	
ESPN		UFC Early Prelims (N) (Live)		UFC 288: Sterling vs. Cejudo - Prelims (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2		College Baseball Arkansas at Mississippi State From Polk-DeMent Stadium in Starkville, Miss. (N) (Live)						College Softball Washington at Stanford (N) (Live)			
Fox Sports 1		NASCAR RaceDay Kansas (N) (Live)		NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Heart Of America 200 (N) (Live)				PBA Bowling Players Championship, Match Play (N)			
Golf		(6:00) LPGA Tour Golf				Golf Central (N)		PGA Tour Golf			
NBA		(6:00) Playoff Central			kobe	kobe	kobe	kobe	kobe	Playoff Central	
NBC Sports		Golf Acad.	Golf Acad.	School of Golf	School of Golf	United KOK Classic 5: Main Card, Part 1		United KOK Classic 5: Main Card, Part 2		World Poker Tour: Season 10	
NESN		My Story	Life	Cruisin'	Cruisin'	C. Moore	C. Moore	Travel	Travel	New Eng.	Dirty (N)
	FAMILY										
Cartoon		King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Rick	Rick	Rick	American	American	American
Disney		Amphibia	Ladybug	★★★ Mulan ('98)			(:35) Marvel's	Marvel's Mo	Kiff	Molly McGee	Ladybug
Encore Family		(:15) ★★ Beethoven's 5th		(:50) ★★ Eragon ('06) Ed Speleers.					(:35) ★★ 12 Mighty Orphans		
Nickelodeon		SpongeB..	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
Nick Jr.		Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble

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	BASIC CABLE										
A&E		(6:00) The First 48		The First 48 "Deadly Morning"		The First 48		First 48 "Carjacked; Bad Connection"		(:05) The First 48	
AMC		(6:00) ★ Beverly ...		★★★ Major League ('89) Tom Berenger.					★★★ Caddyshack ('80)		
Animal Planet		My Pack Life		My Pack Life "Sarge is In Charge"		The Bond "Dances with Dolphins"		Walking with "Joining the Herd"		Walking with "Man vs. Elephant"	
BBC America		(6:50) Earth		Chasing (N)		(:10) ★★★ Real Genius ('85) Val Kilmer.					Movie
BET		(5:00) ★★★ Bad Boys II ('03)		★★★ Central Intelligence ('16) Kevin Hart, Amy Ryan, Dwayne Johnson.						★★★ Get Hard ('15) Will Ferrell.	
Bravo		(5:00) ★★★ Sex and the City ('08)		★★★ Sex and the City 2 ('10) Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis, Sarah Jessica Parker.						(:05) ★★★ Sex and the City ('08)	
CMT		Movie		★★★★ Top Gun ('86) Kelly McGillis, Tom Cruise.				★★★★ Tombstone ('93) Kurt Russell.			
CNN		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Spec		CNN Spec		CNN Spec		Royal Dynasty	
Comedy Central		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	★★★★ 21 Jump Street ('12)	
CSPAN		(4:00) Coronation of King Charles III (N)								Public Affairs	
CSPAN2		(3:00) History TV		Lectures in History		History TV	The Presidency		History TV	Lectures in History	
Dest. America		BBQ Pitmasters		Extreme RVs		Extreme RVs		Extreme RVs		Extreme RVs	
Discovery		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid "Twinning"				Afraid "Threesome"		Naked and Afraid	
Discovery Life		Outrageous 911		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER	
E!		★★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ('10)						(:05) ★ Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallo...			
Encore		(:10) ★★★ Dante's Peak ('97)				★★★ Saw III ('06) Tobin Bell.			(:50) ★★ Saw IV ('07)		
Food		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
Fox News		Gutfeld!		One Nation (N)		To Be Announced		Lawrence Jones (N)		One Nation	
Freeform		(5:20) ★ Wonder		A Small Light "Pilot/Welcome to Switzerland"					★★★★ Ford v Ferrari ('19)		
FUSE		Buffy, Vampire Slay		Slayer "Helpless"		Slayer "The Zeppo"		★★ Shottas ('02) Ky-Mani Marley.			
FX		(5:30) ★ Thor: The ...		★★★★ Spider-Man: Homecoming ('17) Tom Holland.						★ Spider-Man: Ho...	
FXM		Movie		(:35) ★★★★ The Rock ('96) Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery.					(:25) ★★★★ The Rock ('96)		
Hallmark		(6:00) ★ Wedding...		★ When Love Springs ('23) (P)				★ Summer Villa ('16) Hilarie Burton.			
Hallmark M.&M.		Chronicle Mysteries "The Deep End"				Chronicle Mysteries "Helped to Death"				Monk	
HGTV		House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters Renovation (N)		Hunters "Big Homes for Big Families"		House Hunters	House Hunters
History		Ancient Aliens "The Time Benders"		Ancient Aliens "The Giants of Malta"		Aliens "The Power of the Obelisks"		(:05) Aliens "Aliens in Our Airspace"		(:05) Ancient Aliens "The MUFON Files"	
HLN		Sex & Murder		Sex & Murder		Vengeance: Killer		Vengeance: Killer		Forensic	Forensic
HSN		Diane Gilman (N)		Giuliana & (N)		Ninja Summer (N)		Tweak'd (N)		Beekman 1802 (N)	
ID		Betrayed "Blood in the Water"		Betrayed "Coed Killer"		Who the Bleep "Liar, Liar" (N)		Scorned (N)	Scorned	Murders "Mean Rodeo Queen"	
IFC		(6:15) ★★ San Andreas ('15)		(:45) ★★ Charlie's Angels ('75)					(:45) ★ Charlie's Angels: Full ...		
Lifetime		(6:00) ★ Homekilli...		★ Abducted on Prom Night ('23) (P)				(:05) ★ Soccer Mom Madam ('21)			
LMN		(6:00) ★ Deadly D...		★ A Gift of Murder ('22) Bailey Bass.				★ Mommy's Little Star ('22) Maja Vujicic.			
MAGN		Maine		Maine		Maine		Maine		Maine	
MSNBC		Voices (N) (Live)		Ayman (N) (Live)		Ayman (N) (Live)		American Voices		Ayman	
MTV		★★ Grown Ups ('10) Kevin James, Adam Sandler.					★★★ Just Go With It ('11) Adam Sandler.				
National Geographic		Smuggler	Smuggler	Smuggler	Smuggler	Smuggler (N)	Smuggler (N)	A Smuggler "Guns of New York"		A Smuggler "Gas Tank Meth"	
NatGeoWild		Critter Fixers		Critter Fixers (N)		Critter Fixers (N)		Dr. Oakley, Vet (N)		Critter Fixers	
NECN		HUBToday	OpenHou..	Mom2M..	Rescue	1st Look	OpenHou..	Rescue	HUBToday	News at ..	Chef's
NewsNation		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime	
Ovation		Murdoch (N)		★★★ Sahara ('05) Steve Zahn, Matthew McConaughey.						★ Cold Mountain	
OWN		Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage (N)		Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage	
Oxygen		Cold Justice (N)		Accident (N)		Blood & Money (N)		Blood & Money		Accident, Suicide	
Paramount		(5:55) ★ Indiana Jones & the ...		★★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81)						★ Indiana Jones & ...	
QVC		(6:00) Fashion (N)		Belle by Kim Gravel - Fashion (N) (Live)				Denim & Co.			
Science		Spycraft		Mysteries of Deep		Mysteries of Deep		Mysteries of Deep		Mysteries of Deep	
Sundance		(6:40) ★★★★ 3:10 to Yuma ('07) Christian Bale, Russell Crowe.				(:10) ★★★★ Silverado ('85) Scott Glenn, Kevin Costner, Kevin Kline.					
SyFy		(5:00) ★ Independ...		★★ Independence Day: Resurgence ('16)					★ Transformers: The Last Kn...		
TBS		(4:40) ★ Star War...		(:55) ★★ Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker ('19)						Wrestling: All	
TCM		(5:30) ★ The Trea...		★★★★ Hoosiers ('86) Gene Hackman.				(:15) ★★★ Knute Rockne, All American			
TLC		Return to Amish		Return to Amish		Return to Amish		You, Me & My Ex		You, Me & My Ex	
TNT		NHL Preg.		NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA (N) (Live)				NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA			
Travel		A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting	
TruTV		Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers
TV Land		Mike	Mike	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
TV One		GoodTim..	GoodTim..	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons
USA		(5:30) ★★★ Jurassic World ('15)		(:25) ★★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ('17) Zoe Saldana, Chris Pratt.						★ Guardi...	
VH-1		(6:30) ★★★★ Training Day ('01)				★★★ The Taking of Pelham 123 ('09)				★ Enough	
WE		NCIS "Shiva"		NCIS "Hit and Run"		NCIS "Canary"		NCIS "Hereafter"		NCIS "Detour"	

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